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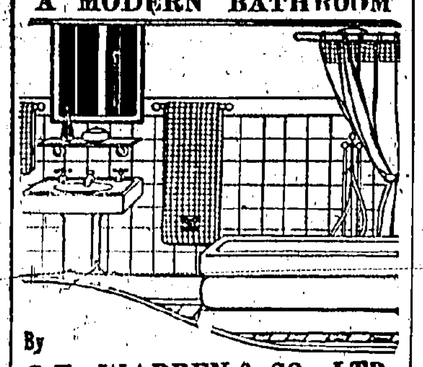

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STRONG SUPPORT BY MINERS' FEDERATION.

EVERY $5 MEANS £1

We are happy to state that further contributions are to hand in support of the appeal made by the *Telegraph* on behalf of the Lord Mayor's Fund for Distressed British Miners. Below will be found the latest acknowledgments.

A point to be stressed is that for every £1 contributed to the Fund, the British Government has promised to add a further £1, so that Hongkong residents in supporting it will have the assurance that the amount they subscribe will be doubled.

What $5 Means.

Whilst bigger subscriptions will be welcome, it is worth remembering that, consequent on the British Government's promise, every $5 donated will mean an addition of £1 to the Fund.

Several *Telegraph* readers have written to say they think the idea of Hongkong doing its share in helping to swell the Fund is worthy of every support.

One contributor says:—"Allow me to follow a good lead with a small contribution to the Distressed Miners' Fund."

Another writes:—"I have much pleasure in adding my mite to the Fund for British Miners. Every Hongkong Britisher should support it, if only in a small way, such as the enclosed."

Yet another, in forwarding a donation, writes:—"I hope your Fund will result in Hongkong sending Home a good sum for the relief of distress amongst the miners and their poor wives and children."

Already acknowledged	$20
M. A.	10
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"Sympathiser"	5
"Exile"	5

Donation of £10,000.

London, Feb. 1.

A donation of £10,000 has been received by the Lord Mayor of London for the Coalfields Distress Fund from Mr. A. J. Cook, on behalf of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain.

In an accompanying letter, Mr. Cook says that as the Federation has been given representation upon the Committees formed for the purpose of administering the Lord Mayor's Fund, it has great pleasure in making the donation and will continue to do everything possible to support and increase the Fund. The Federation trusts that the great work of ameliorating the suffering of the miners may proceed with all possible speed and thoroughness.

Voluntary contributions to the Lord Mayor's Fund for the relief of distress in the mining areas now exceed £600,000.

The Government have promised to double the amount subscribed.—*British Wireless.*

Prince's Next Step.

London, Feb. 1.

The Prince of Wales returned to London this evening from his tour of the distressed northern coalfields.

In regard to what steps the Prince will take towards helping to relieve the situation, it is stated in official circles to be premature to pass an opinion as to whether His Royal Highness will make any detailed suggestions or any further immediate appeal to the nation similar to his wireless appeal on Christmas Day.

That the general results of the tour will be conveyed to the Premier and the Lord Mayor of London is certain.—*British Wireless.*

London, Feb. 1.

The Prince of Wales in three days has travelled nearly 200 miles through the worst parts of the coal fields and has seen nearly a hundred towns and villages.—*Reuter.*

WEEK-END WEATHER.

The local weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is: North winds, fresh; overcast; some drizzle or mist.

LINER STRANDED IN NORTH SEA.

UNION CASTLE BOAT GOES AGROUND.

NO SERIOUS DAMAGE.

London, Feb. 1.

The Union Castle liner "Garth Castle" ran aground in the early hours of this morning off Aldeburgh Napes, which is on the Suffolk Coast. The vessel did not strike very hard, and as far as can be ascertained she has sustained no damage at all.

A report from the ship shows that she is not making water.

Tugs have been rushed to the scene from London to assist in re-floating the ship, and it is hoped that with a rising tide this may be effected without great difficulty.

The "Garth Castle" is a vessel of 7,715 tons, and is on the regular run to South Africa.

When she met with her mishap, the liner was on her way from Hamburg to London.

An official of the Union Castle Line states that there were no passengers on the steamer, and that she goes to the Continent only for the purpose of taking on cargo.

Having been to Rotterdam and Hamburg, the Garth Castle was on her way back to London in readiness for sailing to South and East Africa on Tuesday next.—*British Wireless.*

THE KING NOT YET CONVALESCENT.

PROGRESS SATISFACTORY BUT STILL VERY SLOW.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

London, Feb. 1.

An official statement issued from Buckingham Palace this evening says that the view held by certain sections of the Press and the public that the King's transference to Bognor will usher in His Majesty's convalescence is incorrect.

It is pointed out that the removal of the King to the sea aims at the acceleration of the establishment of convalescence, and the statement concludes that though the King's condition continues to improve, the process of recovery must necessarily be slow.

From official statements regarding the King's health it is gathered that the doctors are still very satisfied with the progress that the King continues to make.

It is understood that the mode of transport for the King's journey to Bognor is still receiving serious consideration by his medical advisers. A motor ambulance was in the grounds of the Palace to-day, and it is thought that one of this type, large and modern and well-equipped, from one of the hospitals, may be used to remove His Majesty.

No bulletin was issued to-day.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

CATHOLIC WORLD COUNCIL.

TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS OF DOGMA.

Rome, Feb. 1.

The Pontiff is planning to hold a Catholic World Council of Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops from all parts of the world at St. Peter's in 1930, to discuss questions of dogma, and also to ratify the proposed reconciliation between the Holy See and Italy.—*Reuter.*

FAMOUS PLAYWRIGHT SHOOTS HIMSELF.

SUICIDE IN HOSPITAL AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

Milan, Feb. 1.

Signor Marco Praga, the famous Italian playwright, committed suicide in hospital at Milan to-day, by shooting himself.

The tragedy followed a long illness, the deceased author having suffered for some time with lung trouble and neurasthenia.—*Reuter.*

HOOGLY SHIPPING DISASTER.

STEAMER COLLIDES AND FOUNDERS.

GRAPHIC STORY OF SINKING ON DARK NIGHT.

PASSENGERS ESCAPE.

Calcutta, Jan. 8.

Mystery surrounds the sinking, as a result of a collision of the 500 ton steamer Ooriya in the river Hoogly on Sunday night.

It was a dark night, according to a passenger's story, and the Ooriya had passed the Middleton Lightship when a terrific crash took place and those sitting on deck were pitched off their seats.

When they regained their feet they could see the peak of a huge ship thrust into the body of the Ooriya. There was a stampede and everyone was ordered to the forepart of the steamer.

Ropes were lowered from the Walton Hall (the vessel which had collided with the Ooriya) and the passengers taken on board. A couple of hours later the Ooriya sank.

Giving details of the disaster the *Englishman* reports that the 10,000 tons steamer Walton Hall collided with the Ooriya a 5000-tonner in the Hooghly on Sunday night and the Ooriya foundered. The collision occurred off the Middeton lightship near Saugor.

The Walton Hill was entering port on her voyage from New York. The Ooriya was also calling at Calcutta with pilgrims from Chandbally.

No Lives Lost.

The Walton Hall crashed into the Ooriya in the dark and the little steamer disappeared in two hours. No lives were lost.

The passengers and crew of the Ooriya were picked up by the Walton Hall which limped into port with gaping holes in her bows.

The Walton Hall is a City Hall boat which left Rangoon at daybreak on Friday. Except for a small cargo of teak she was running light.

The Ooriya whose agents are I G. S. N. and R. S. N. Co., plies between Calcutta and Chandbally. The Walton Hall was in charge of a pilot when she struck the Ooriya shortly after 7-30 p.m.

A Passengers Story.

A passenger of the Ooriya interviewed by a representative of the *Englishman* said "The Ooriya was a steamer ahead of the Walton Hall. I was sitting on deck," he

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CHINESE TARIFF AUTONOMY.

Shanghai & Nanking Chinese Celebrate.

CAPITAL BEFLAGGED.

Shanghai, Feb. 2.

Celebrations and demonstrations among the Chinese populace here marked the introduction of the new Tariff Schedule yesterday.

At Nanking, the city was beflagged and monster demonstrations were held to celebrate the occasion.—*Reuter.*

The *Telegraph's* Shanghai correspondent cables:

Flags fluttered, ships dressed and patriotic songs were chanted in the general rejoicings signalising the advent of the new tariffs. Otherwise, the day passed uneventfully.

During January the Customs clearances were unusually heavy inasmuch as importers have ordered increased supplies to forestall the tariff.

Local stores do not anticipate any immediate effect on the cost of living, though increased charges for gasoline are inevitable.

The Radicals are utilising the occasion for the circulation of propaganda regarding the abolition of "unequal treaties."

MISSING MACHINE SEEN FROM AIR.

FATE OF CREW IN REMOTE AFGHAN UNCERTAIN.

IN FRIENDLY TRIBE?

London, Feb. 1.

Gratifying news has been received in London regarding the great troop-carrying aeroplane, which made a forced descent in Afghanistan while engaged in the evacuation of foreign residents of Kabul.

An authoritative message has been received by the Air Ministry to-day stating that another R.A.F. machine out in search of the missing plane, has sighted her from the air.

It is presumed that she was forced down by engine trouble but managed to alight comparatively safely. It is stated in a British Wireless message that it was located by Squadron-Leader Maxwell, near Sarobi, at the foot of mountainous country.

As seen from the air, the machine did not appear to have been badly damaged. Nothing is known regarding the fate of the crew, but the tribe in that area is believed to be friendly.

Another big troop-carrier, a Victoria, reached Kabul yesterday carrying post both ways, and returning to Peshawar with passengers. Further complements were also brought away by similar machines sent yesterday. Employees of the British Legation were among the rescued.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

FRENCH AIRMAN'S VENTURE.

PARIS TO HANOI AND BACK IN TEN DAYS.

QUICK DASHES PLAN.

Paris, Feb. 1.

The famous world flier, Costes, plans to start on the 19th of the present month on a flight from Paris to the Far East.

Costes hopes to reach Hanoi in a little over three days making half-hour stops for supplies at Constantiople, Basra, Karachi, and Calcutta.

If the flight out is successful, he will venture the return flight after a few days rest. He hopes to complete the double flight, out and home, within ten days at the outside.

He is using a machine which has been named "The Dragon of Annam."

Costes partnered Lebrix in the memorable flight in the spring of last year, in which the airmen after flying over 60,000 kilometres without accident, concluded their journeyings with a final dash from Tokyo to Paris, covered the distance in the unprecedented time of six and a half days.

They were given a wonderful reception on their arrival at Le Bourget. The time then established still holds the record for the flight.—*Reuter.*

MR. MONTAGU NORMAN IN AMERICA.

INTERNATIONAL GOLD MOVE PROJECT.

New York, Feb. 1.

The *Journal of Commerce* understands that the arrival in New York of the Rt. Hon. Mr. Montagu Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England with the object of conferring with officials of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, is dictated by a desire to devise a means to prevent an influx of gold from Britain without raising the Bank of England's discount.—*Reuter's American Service.*

EXPRESS DRIVER ACQUITTED.

ECHO OF THE CHARFIELD DISASTER.

London, Feb. 1.

Ernest Henry Aldington, the driver of the express involved in the terrible Charfield disaster, was acquitted at Gloucester Assizes to-day of a charge of manslaughter.—*Reuter.*

DARING SHANGHAI ROBBERY.

RUSSIAN MAKES A BIG HAUL.

LATER ATTEMPTS TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

SENNET'S RAIDED.

Shanghai, Jan. 27.

Failing in a bold daylight attempt to rob Messrs. Sennet Freres jewellery store of thousand of dollars worth of property, an unemployed Russian yesterday attempted suicide at the Central Police station, where he was taken after being captured by Mr. J. Levy, manager and owner of the store.

The Russian, whose name was given as Nicholas Kashin, about 35 years of age, it is alleged, appeared at the jewellery establishment at 24a Nanking Road about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, at a time when the street was filled with hundreds of foreign and Chinese pedestrians.

Window Smashed.

Quickly passing through the outer swinging doors of the store, Kashin, it is stated, protected himself against outside interference by passing a chain through the lock of the outer door. On each end of the short chain was fastened a padlock, which he promptly closed, thus barricading himself from the outside.

The would-be robber then was in the entrance of the store, with another door between himself and the store proper and flanked on one side by the display window. In the window on his left was thousands of dollars worth of jewellery, including one diamond pendant valued at $18,000.

Before those within the store, who included Mr. Levy, one foreign assistant and three Chinese, were aware of his intentions, the Russian had smashed the expensive plate glass window and was reaching for the jewellery.

Mr. Levy went into action at once. Rushing to the entrance he threw his weight against the padlocked outer doors.

Meanwhile the Russian had secured the diamond pendant and was hurriedly reaching for two diamond brooches. The outer door gave way before the repeated efforts of Mr. Levy, and the Russian, having obtained the valuables in the window, made a hasty exit, pursued by the determined owner of the store.

Captured in Alleyway.

The thief dashed into a nearby alleyway and there was captured by Mr. Levy, who held him fast. The Russian put up a short-lived struggle, but was quickly subdued by Mr. Levy.

In the meantime the police had been notified and the Flying Squadron from Central Station, headed by Detective-Sergeant Widdowson, arrived on the scene in a commandeered motor car.

A Chinese police sergeant, however, attracted to the scene by the *hue and cry*, had already arrived and had taken the prisoner into custody. The Russian was handed over to Sergeant Widdowson and was taken to Central Station.

At the station he stated his name and declared that he had been driven to the act by hunger. He also declared that for the past week he had been obliged to sleep on the streets. An examination of his hands revealed that they were well-manicured and there was no indication that he has suffered any hardships of late.

In Central Station the prisoner was carefully searched, the station constables examining every inch of his clothing, but finding nothing. He was then lodged in a cell.

A short time later, Detective-Sergeant Barton, it is reported, passed the Russian's cell on the way to interrogate another prisoner.

Attempt at Suicide.

Glancing into the cell the Detective-Sergeant is stated to have noted the Russian removing something from the sole of the shoe, which he had ripped apart. D. S. Barton, with the aid of the Sub-Inspector on duty, promptly entered the cell and succeeded in knocking from the prisoner's hand a sharp safety razor blade, with which, it is was learned, he was attempting to slash his throat.

The Russian, when arrested, had the diamond pendant and two brooches in his possession. They are valued at about $25,000.

Bulls and Inners

From the Office Butts.

A sporting writer says temperament is a small factor in golf. He's evidently never followed a ladies' foursome.

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New York recently held a Talking Marathon. The prize was won by the lady who recently had her appendix removed.

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An American writer says there's really no "society" in New York, because there's no-one to decide who's in it and who isn't. Little points like that don't trouble Hongkong, though.

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On Wednesday, a contemporary published a telegram dated:—"Washing, Yesterday." And ironing to-morrow, we suppose.

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The Chinese who had his hat arrested at the Kowloon Magistracy thought the cadi rather captious.

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Having abolished the bound foot, China is now demanding a free hand. The limb-it.

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Some of these admirals Waistell lot of time in reviews says the sailor man.

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Now that the Government has broadcast "Thank God for a Garden," we may possibly hope for more playgrounds.

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We hope there's nothing sinister in the fact that local referees always hold their meetings at Scandal Point.

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According to the *China Mail*, one of the exhibits in the Supreme Court this week was a printing press painted "a neat blue." A change from the screaming yellow press.

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The Roads Department of the P.W.D. has nothing to do with the small-pix outbreak reported in the *Telegraph*. Normal equipment is still in use.

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We read in the *Post* that among other articles for sale is a "Household furnisher, cheap owner leaving the Colony." In favour of the higher purchase system, probably.

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A professor at the University of Pittsburgh claims to have succeeded in making the smallest light in the world. Up to the present we thought that they were made by Sanitary Boards.

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Misappropriately, Senator Glass has proposed an appropriation to investigate prohibition conditions. Seeing through it darkly?

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"You said you would risk anything for me, Albert. How can I prove it?"

"Marry me, my dear!"

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Some of these brides who pass under archways of swords have their own archways.

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A London forger was discovered through many gifts which he made to charity. He finally gave himself away.

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A local Aberdonian is thinking of giving up golf now that pow rents have been abolished at the Cathedral.

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The cul de sac by the Queen's Theatre provided a bag of motor offenders.

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Home ties bind, if you can wear them.

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Local Royalists continue to sing "Long May He Rain."

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The appointment of a Kowloon representative to the Council is something to Braga bout. Isn't that Tso?

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The Hermes Symphony Orchestra use the ship's name reversed as a title. The broadcaster is pleased that they do not belong to the Berwick.

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Judging by replies received from Home, recipients of presents regard them as Custom-ary gifts.

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Running a risk of getting a penalty, thieves recently broke into a Singapore football clubhouse.

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The best laid schemes of Kings and men Afghan agley!

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"Priscilla."—"Tango" in Latin means "I touch." That's probably why they call them tango teachers.

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Commander Byrd has found a new island with fourteen Peaks. Must be cold there.

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The British Government has decided not to spend any money on the "Tote." Wish we had the same strength of will.

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Some broadcasting sounds as if it needed a new needle.

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"Fled:"—It has been ruled that a pedestrian has the right of way. Still it isn't a bad idea to look each way before crossing.

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Americans are said to have spent three million dollars in Venice last year. But then it's easy to make a splash there.

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In view of the recent accident the Manila authorities are going to adopt a new style of gate for railroad crossings. The suggestion that they be trimmed with pearl is not without its merits.

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Several readers have reminded us that the barbers who were discharged at the Sessions had a close shave.

Like father, like son is all right, but most men like daughter.

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Material for a lady's skirt was lost in a Kowloon bus last week. Not being recovered, it is thought that other passengers mistook it for a used ticket.

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A Shanghai stenographer, struck by a motor car, suffered concussion of the brain. She is reported, however, to have escaped serious injury.

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A physician says that Scotsmen live longer than others. Maybe it only seems longer.

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"Ned:"—You must not ask us any questions about petticoats.

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Hair nets last a lot longer if worn with perfect gentlemen.

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Our wonderful language:—"Prince Brings Cheer To Unemployed. Unemployed Cheer the Prince."

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Water Statistics:—"If a tank as big as the Supreme Court and as high as the Station Clock Tower were filled with water, Hongkong would employ it once a day." This being so, it scarcely seems worth while building one.

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It is said that in some of our local schools there exists quite a deal of class prejudice.

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In accordance with our weekly custom of liberating at least one alarming fact, we hereby affirm that Harry Lauder has a collection of 400 walking sticks. His favourite composer is Handel.

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Hongkong needs not a statue of Burns. Local natives have a bust-up on the celebration of his birthday.

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Though angling is described, perhaps rightly, as the least dangerous of all sports, local fishermen should recognise the risk of dislocating the spine in describing their catches.

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The Bateman cartoon is yet to be drawn depicting the consternation of the habitues of a Burns Club listening to a Harry Lauder song.

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THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

MR. R. SUTHERLAND'S APPEAL FOR MORE SUPPORT.

The need for more support for the Benevolent Society was strongly emphasised at the annual general meeting, which was held in the St. John's Cathedral Hall yesterday afternoon, with Mr. R. Sutherland in the chair. He was supported by Mrs. Alabaster (President).

After reading the annual report, Mr. Sutherland, in proposing the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, said:

Ladies and gentlemen,—The report just read is so full of interest and detail that it would seem almost superfluous to add anything to it: still we are a changing community and the following remarks, I trust, may in any case be of interest to new-comers to the Colony.

Another year has gone past and it has been a period when unfortunately even more distress than usual has become apparent. No less than 141 persons have come before the notice of your Committee and have received assistance in some shape or form. On the other hand, it has been a year in which we have been better supported by the community in the way of contributions, for which I now express our hearty thanks. Last meeting when I had the honour of addressing you, I think the ground was pretty fully covered and the aims and ambitions of this Society, which has been in existence since 1889, were adequately dealt with.

The Accounts.

The Accounts, which will be shortly posted to you, are encouraging, and show better results than those of previous years, but you must not be lulled into a sense of false security by the cash balance shown of some $1,600, as our Treasurer informs me that this sum and further moneys are already earmarked to meet school fees within the next few months. I do not know that there is anything further in the accounts which calls for explanation, but I take this early opportunity of recording a very sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Hampden Ross, who has been of great assistance to our Committee in preparing the balance-sheet and in auditing the final figures. Mr. Hampden Ross is a busy man and the Society is very grateful.

Unfortunately, although our financial position is somewhat better, we still have the difficulty of limited membership to cope with. Last year it was pointed out that this Society took upon its shoulders all cases of distress other than Chinese and Portuguese, who have their own kindred Societies to appeal to. It is really a most difficult thing to comprehend why we only have some 72 members as annual subscribers. According to the last census taken, I think there were about some 17,000 people resident in the Colony, other than Chinese. This figure, of course, includes our Portuguese friends who, as already mentioned, support their own charities, but of this 17,000 there must surely be somewhere about 5,000 Europeans who are eligible to become members of the Hongkong Benevolent Society. While I do not wish to reiterate the remarks of last year, this opportunity must not pass without again impressing upon you that this association is the "Hongkong Benevolent Society," not the "Ladies' Benevolent Society" and there is no other body, either official or private, which carries out the same class of relief which is given by us.

The Inaugural Meeting.

From the First Minute Book which we have here on the table it is recorded that the Inaugural meeting of the Society was held in the house of Mr. Just on the 18th September, 1889, under the Chairmanship of Mr. A. P. Stokes, of Messrs. Johnston, Stokes & Master; the following ladies and gentlemen present were the founders of the movement and their names, in view of the splendid work they did and which is still being continued, are all well worthy of mention. They are.—Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Dalrymple, Mrs. Layton, Mrs. Mackintosh, Mrs. Hartigan, Mrs. Just, Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. Hirst, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Ede, Mrs. Keswick, Miss Sexton, Mrs. Master, Mrs. Inchbald, Mr. Brodie, Mr. Hirst, Mr. Herbert, Col. Chater, Capt. Rumsey, Mr. Ede, Mr. Wise, Hon. Mr. B. Layton, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Just, Mr. Noble, and Revd. Mr. W. Jennings.

Our Committee, I would say, for the benefit of those who may be new-comers, is composed entirely of ladies who meet, as the report has explained, at the City Hall twice a week to receive and to distribute clothing, and twice a month to discuss and decide upon cases on the Society's Books. When the actual numbering of the cases commenced, I do not know, but it is noted in the Minute Book before me that the last case indexed is No. 1,856. This Minute Book represents a wonderful record and a perusal of its pages discloses an interesting, but sad history of want, suffering, and in some few cases, human frailty, while at the same time it modestly sets forth in business-like manner and concise terms, the well considered treatment meted out to applicants by the members of the Committee. It further discloses a train of thought in which commonsense, and a full realization of responsibility in handling other people's money is at once apparent so that those who are good enough to contribute, and whom I hope will remain members and induce others to become so, can rest assured that all offerings, whether in cash or clothes, will be dealt with in the most efficient manner possible. Of course, it is difficult for some people to quite grasp the inner workings of this organization and its financial responsibilities. I would, therefore, ask you to realise that while clothes, blankets, etc., are most welcome, and while we are extremely indebted to those who send them, they being the means of effecting urgent and temporary relief, the foundation of the Society must, by force of circumstances, be firmly bedded in a strong financial position. We have, for instance, some 20 odd children at school; we are entirely responsible for the necessary fees, and having started their education, it would be unthinkable to terminate it through lack of funds, so you will see that our future responsibilities require the most careful consideration and thought.

Steady Income Needed.

To meet all our requirements we must have a steady income and this can only be done by enrolling more members. One of the most difficult tasks of your Committee is that of obtaining employment for those who find themselves stranded in the Colony, in many cases through no fault of their own. This leads sometimes to heavy outlays for repatriating deserving cases, and I would once more ask the co-operation of all in the Colony to extend a helping hand to members of the Committee when approached in this connexion.

We want $12 a year, which only means $1 a month, from all and every person who can afford it. It is a small sum but it means a great deal when it brings comfort, health, and a brighter outlook on life to many who, without its aid, might sink and go to the wall, and the East, as we too well know, is a bad place to go downhill.

Some time ago I tackled a friend whom I know very well as to why he was not a member of the "Benevolent Society" and his reply was amusing and somewhat typical. He said, "I am not a member but I told my wife to send down a lot of old clothes to you the other day." Mark you, every such contribution is most welcome, but we *must* point out that our responsibilities and our commitments are on a cash basis. For instance, we cannot go to Steamship Companies, when we have a call for a passage Home and say, "What is the cost of a 2nd Class passage to England please, and can you let me know how much it will come to in old shirts and trousers?" Neither can we say to the Principals of those schools who have done so much for us—"Please, how much do we owe you for fees, and we would like to pay in collars and socks." No! you will see that is quite impossible, therefore we must ask for money and, like Oliver Twist, "we want more."

We are deeply grateful for the donations from Clubs and private individuals, and the annual grant of $1,000.00 from the Hongkong Government is a welcome standby; it makes us feel we have their sympathy at our back, and while some of us think possibly the grant might be larger, we rest content with the feeling that should the call of necessity arise, they will not turn a deaf ear to our representations.

Thanks.

The Report read has already conveyed our thanks for valuable assistance rendered by various people and organizations, but I am asked to particularly record our thanks for assistance we have received from the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, and his Department. In dealing with many cases, as you can well understand, it is difficult to always obtain reliable information—information such as is essential in order to know how to act; in this respect Mr. Wolfe has been exceedingly helpful, and has lightened the labours of the Committee very considerably.

It is a pleasure to once again record our thanks to the Press of Hongkong; without their aid our work would never receive the publicity which is essential to all such undertakings as it certainly would not pay the Society to "hide its light under a bushel."

We have during the year had several changes in the executives of the Society and our thanks are particularly due to Mrs. Nisbet, our late President, who has left for Home and who did excellent work for the Society. Mrs. Alabaster, now our President, leaves shortly and has had to resign. Only those who have been closely associated with her can fully appreciate the energy and interest she has shown during the time she has been connected with us, in all capacities—including Secretary and President—she will be a great loss. Mrs. Cock, Vice-President, also retires and we owe much to her for successful efforts in our interests. Mrs. McElderry took over the Treasurership during Mrs. Shellshear's absence, which helped very considerably. Mrs. J. H. Hunt throughout the summer resumed her post as Hon. Secretary and notwithstanding indifferent health, carried on nobly until by Doctor's advice she was obliged to resign. Her good work is by no means forgotten. Mrs. McCormack has now been elected Secretary and we extend to her a hearty welcome; she will, we know, receive the able support of Mrs. Sheldon, who has replaced Mrs. Featherstone as Assistant Secretary; to the latter our best thanks are due.

The New President.

As regards the position of President during the coming year, I have much pleasure in informing you that Mrs. Southorn, who has already been on the Committee for over a year, has kindly consented to fill the post, and knowing as we do her capacity for work and her keen interest in the welfare of the Colony, you will, I know, share the views of the Committee that the appointment is one which cannot but be regarded with the greatest satisfaction.

Now I would like to mention that as a result of last year's meeting, I received several very kind letters regarding the Society and its report, but in some cases the communications were not accompanied by the essential cheque or Compradore Order and as no doubt this was merely an oversight, I hope that this passing reference will be quite sufficient to prevent such an unfortunate occurrence this year: will friends please note.

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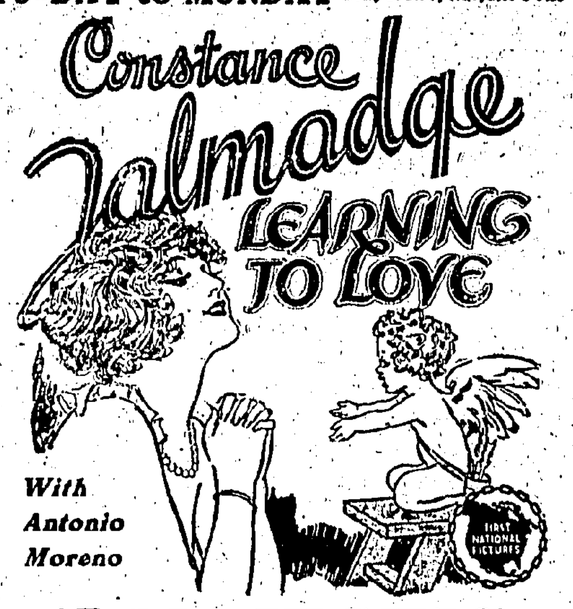

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THE BEREVOLENT SOCIETY.

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So, ladies and gentlemen, we once more put forward our appeal. The account of our stewardship is now before you; if you consider it has inspired confidence we look for your support, help is wanted from all eligible to subscribe, no matter their station in life; there is no distinction, be they taipan or artisan, all are equal in the sacred cause of charity.

These remarks, poorly expressed and in commonplace language, have at least but one redeeming feature and that is their sincerity. They will perhaps, in the ordinary course of things be read to-morrow by many residents and if here and there they have struck a chord of sympathy in our work, and awakened a desire to help, they have then in truth achieved their main object.

No matter how hard and conscientiously your Committee may work, no matter what self-sacrifice may be entailed in their endeavours to carry out the onerous duties voluntarily undertaken, or perhaps it may be said bequeathed to them by those who have gone before as far back as 1889, it must be obvious to all that the continuity of this organization and extension of its worthy aims, can only be secured by the practical co-operation and financial assistance of the Hongkong Community.

With these remarks, ladies and gentlemen, I have now to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented and when these have been seconded by the Hon. Mr. Shenton, we shall be glad to hear any remarks which members may be pleased to make. (Applause.)

Mr. Sutherland then proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

Mr. Shenton's Speech.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, in rising to second the motion, said:

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen,—It gives me very great pleasure to second the report and accounts of the Hongkong Benevolent Society for the year 1928.

This Society was founded in the year 1889 and had then and still has for its object the assisting of the very poor in this Colony other than Portuguese and Chinese.

That there is a great need for this Society is apparent from the fact that although it was founded as far back as the year 1889, it not only exists to-day, but on a basis and to an extent which should be a constant source of pleasure to its original founders.

From a perusal of the report it is apparent to all, the very wide circles in which it works and the number of cases it is called upon to investigate. The relief afforded is not confined to monetary assistance, but embraces gifts of clothing and other necessaries of life; it provides schooling for poor destitute children and assistance to mothers and widows in case of need; it acts as an employment agency; it assists after investigation those who are down and out, and what is also of very great value, gives sound advice to those in distress. Twice a week Members of the Committee attend the City Hall and each case receives personal investigation thereby assuring the funds are properly applied.

The Committee's Work.

The thanks, not only of the members of the Society but the Colony generally are due to those officers and members of the committee who voluntarily and continuously during the year have given up their time in furtherance of the objects of the Society, and who carry them out to the utmost. They also work in concord and collaboration with the various other charitable organisations of the Colony and the Police.

A very difficult question arises in respect of a number of Europeans of various nationalities who apply for assistance from this and kindred Societies—at the moment there are about thirty-five unemployed of whom twenty I gather are unemployable, four living on the Government in the House of Detention. The remainder it is impossible for various reasons to find employment for.

In England there are Relief works, Workhouses, Almshouses and other charitable Institutions who would cater for these cases—in Hongkong no such Institutions exist.

Surely there is some obligation on the Government either to repatriate or arrange for repatriation of such cases, or make other suitable arrangements so that they do not come on the Society. On the whole I think the answer is repatriation but it must always be remembered that there are always bound to be some to whom repatriation is inapplicable.

The Society has a very strong claim to monetary support from all whose interests are in any way connected with Hongkong and I commend to their perusal the Report for the past year. $12 is the annual subscription and a donation of $50 makes the donor a life member.

I have great pleasure in seconding the report and accounts. (Applause).

Increased Interest.

After the proposition had been carried, Mrs. Alabaster said that she was glad to see such a large attendance, which was due to the increasing interest which was being taken in the Society's activities. The President expressed the Society's warmest thanks to the Dean for the loan of the hall for the meeting.

Mr. Sutherland, the speaker continued, had said so many things about her colleagues and herself, but it now gave her much pleasure to thank him in his own coin. It was now his turn to blush. (Laughter). His advice, influence, imagination and time had always been given in the interests of the Society.

The speaker also thanked three or four gentlemen in the Colony for their assistance and ready help. Mr. Sutherland, said the speaker, had not only helped in giving the Society publicity but by putting the Society on a sounder financial basis.

Continuing Mrs. Alabaster endorsed the appeal for more members; and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Sutherland for the able way in which he had conducted the meeting (applause).

The Very Rev. Alfred Swann seconded the vote of thanks. He said that he would like to say how very rich the Society was to have a man of ability to take an interest in its activities.

The speaker said that he was only too glad to have had the meeting held in the hall, which was always at their disposal. The Benevolent Society was of great use to him on occasions, when people went to him for relief.

The report, continued the Dean, indicated a great amount of patient and detailed work and showed how carefully the Society investigated cases. The speaker described the Society as not only being competent but patient and kindly and a great help to the Colony, and one which should be supported.

In reply Mr. Sutherland said that he appreciated the remarks of the two speakers. It was rather embarrassing to have been brought into the lime light. The little assistance that he had given had been pleasant work and of extraordinary interest.

Election of Officers.

The members then went into committee to elect the officers for the coming year, as follows:

President, Mrs. Southorn; Vice President, Mrs. J. H. Hunt; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Shellshear; Hon. Secretary Mrs. McCormack; Assistant Hon. Secy., Mrs. Sheldon; Committee members, Mesdames Black, Goldsmith, Schultz, Comrie, Carrie, Davidson, Sherry, Durran, and Johnston.

MARSHAL FOCH.

FRENCH HERO AGAIN DOWN WITH A COLD.

Paris, Feb. 1.

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Interport Game.

Hongkong v Shanghai
Monday, February 11th 3.30 p.m.

Members are notified that seats may now be booked (for Members' area only) at the Club House, Happy Valley every evening from 5.30 to 7 p.m.

PENINSULA HOTEL.

Friday, the 8th, February, 1929.

Patrons are hereby notified that the GRILL ROOM and ROOF GARDEN having been completely booked for the evening of Friday, February 8th, 1929, further reservations for that date cannot be accepted.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd.

PENINSULA HOTEL.

Saturday, the 9th, February, 1929.

We beg to notify Patrons that the Dining Accomodation in the ROSE ROOM GRILL for the evening of Saturday, the 9th, February, 1929, is completely reserved and bookings closed. Further table reservations for that evening can be accepted for the ROOF GARDEN immediately adjoining the ROSE ROOM.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 15th February, 1929, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 7th February, 1929, to Friday, the 15th February, 1929, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1929.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 5th February, 1929, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Repot of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 19th January, to Tuesday, 5th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1929.

ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

Notice is hereby given that Mr. W. L. Plew has been appointed as from the 1st February, 1929, manager of the above Hotel in the place of Mr. C. W. Hannigs.

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NOTICE is hereby given that an Ordinary General Annual Meeting of Shareholders of this Company will be held at the Company's office at Macao on Thursday, 28th February, 1929, at 3.00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving and if thought fit passing the accounts for the period ending 31st December, 1928, and of electing the new Board of Directors for the years 1929 and 1930, in view of the fact that the present Board of Directors is not prepared to continue in office unless re-elected.

NOTICE is given that should there not be present at the Meeting convened for the 28th February, a sufficient number to form a quorum then the meeting will be adjourned for March 16th at the same time and place.

Carlos de Mello Leitao,
Chairman.

Macao, 26th January, 1929.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of this Company will be held at the Company's office at Macao on Thursday, 28th February, 1929, at 3.30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company with the object of altering same in such manner as may be decided upon, and of receiving and discussing the special report of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Shareholders are requested to be present in person or by proxy as the delibeartions will have an important bearing on the future of the Company. Proxies should especially grant full powers to make alterations in the Memorandum of Association if such should be found necessary.

Carlos de Mello Leitao,
Chairman.

Macao, 26th January, 1929.

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Friday, the 8th February, 1929, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 31st January to Friday, 8th February, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1929.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

EXTRA MEETINGS 1929.

Provisional Dates of Meetings.

9th March
30th March & 1st April.
13th April
27th April
18th & 20th May
12th & 14th October
26th October
16th November
30th November.

By Order,
C. R. BROWN,
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Hongkong v. Shanghai.

MONDAY, February 11th, 3.30 p.m.

Booking for Clubs will definately close on the 4th February.

Booking for Public will open on the 5th at the H.K.F. Club House, Happy Valley every evening, from 5.30 to 7 p.m.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Local Services for To-morrow.

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong February 3rd 1929, Sexagesima Sunday. Holy Communion 8 a.m. Children's Service 10 a.m. Peak Sunday School 10 a.m. Mattins 11 a.m. Preacher: The Dean. Holy Communion 12 noon. Masonic Service 6 p.m. Preacher: The Bishop of Victoria.

Union Church, Kennedy Road, Minister, Rev. F. C. Young. Sunday, 3rd February, 1929. Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Service 11 a.m. Preacher Rev. F. C. Young, Sermon. "Deep unto Deep." Hymns 133, 754, 508, 462. Evening Service 6 p.m. Preacher Rev. F. C. Young. Sermon "Sleep." Hymns 323, 233, 437, 439, 669.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Macdonnell Road, below Bowen Road Tram Station. Sunday Service, 11.15 a.m. Subject "Love." The Sunday School is held on Sunday Mornings at 10 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30 p.m. Reading Room at above address open Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. at 12 noon. Monday and Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m. The Public is cordially invited to attend the service and visit the Reading Room. Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass U.S.A.

S. D. A. Hall, 1st floor, Bank of China Building, Queen's Road and Duddell Street. Subject "How is the Prophecy of Revelation 13th chapter being fulfilled?" by Pastor L. W. Shaw, Sunday night February 3rd 8.30 p.m.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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(b) the charges on messages to all Ship Stations, irrespective of Nationality, will be on the basis of a word rate, pure and simple, with no minimum charge.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Swatow	Sinkiang	February 2.
Shanghai and Swatow	Yunnan	February 3.
Straits	Hosang	February 4.
Straits and London parcel mail, (London 20th December, 1928)	Autolycus	February 4.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	February 4.
Manila	President Lincoln	February 4.
Japan	Chicago Maru	February 4.
Shanghai and Amoy	Linan	Februrary 4.
Japan	Himalaya Maru	February 5.
Shanghai	Philoctetes	February 5.
Straits and London Parcels Mail London 3rd January	Patroclus	February 7.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Polk	February 9.
Saigon	Compiegne	February 12.
Manila	Emp. of Australia	February 13.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	Sat., Feb. 2, 4.30 p.m.
Hoihow and Pakhoi	Limchow	Sat., Feb. 2, 5 p.m.
Saigon	Kiuklang	Snt., Feb. 2, 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow and Haiphong	Song Bo	Sun., Feb. 3, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaigan	Sun., Feb. 3, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Feb. 3, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Dalny and Europe via Siberia	Liangchow	Sun., Feb. 3, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Mon., Feb. 4, 2.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Victoria	President Lincoln	Mon., Jan. 4,
	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C. 25th February).	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	President Lincoln	Mon., Feb. 4,
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
Swatow	Kwai Sang	Mon., Feb. 4, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui	Mon., Feb. 4, 5 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Chinhua	Tues., Feb. 5, 8.30 a.m.
Mombasa, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Singapore	Chicago Maru	Tues., Feb. 5, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, *Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Tues., Feb. 5, 1 p.m.
Amoy	Sinkiang	Tues., Feb. 5, 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Philoctetes	Tues., Feb. 5.
	K. P. O.	
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 8th March).	
Formosa	Hosang	Tues., Feb. 5, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia (except Thursday Island and Cairns) and New Zealand via Brisbane	Himalaya Maru	Wed., Feb. 6.
	Reg.,	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Brisbane, 23rd Feb.)	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Yunnan	Wed., Feb. 6, 1.30 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Huichow	Thurs., Feb. 7, 2.30 p.m.
Sandakan	Mausang	Fri., Feb. 8, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Fri., Feb. 8, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakone Maru	Sat., Mar. 9.
	K.P.O.	
	Registration	Feb. 8, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	Feb. 9, 9 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	Feb. 9, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	Feb. 9, 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 10th March).	
Manila	Pres. Polk	Sat., Feb. 9, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *U.S.A., *Canada, *Central and *South America, and *Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia	Parcels	Feb. 11, 9 a.m.
	President Cleveland	Tues., Feb. 12,
	Registration	8.15 a.m.
	Letters	8.30 a.m.
	(Due San Francisco 6th March.)	
Straits and Calcutta	Yuensang	Tues., Feb. 12.
	Parcels	10 a.m.
	Letters	11 a.m.
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Sphinx	Tues., Feb. 12.
	K.P.O.	
	Registration	10 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	11.15 a.m.
	Letters	Noon
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Shanghai	Compiegne	Tues., Feb. 12, noon.

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MAGISTRATE SAVES A DRIVER'S LICENCE.

MAN TO ABSTAIN FOR A YEAR.

Mr. Hay Halkett, the Marylebone Magistrate, in order to avoid the automatic suspension of a motor-lorry driver's licence, recently placed the man on probation for twelve months.

The driver was Ernest Etherton, of Delmain-road, Forest Hill the father of eight children and he was charged with being drunk while in charge of his lorry.

"Unfortunately," said the Magistrate, "the House of Lords in its wisdom has decided that if I convict this man, even if I fine him only a shilling, his licence is automatically suspended for twelve months. I am rather unwilling to do that, but I must protect the community against this happening again. The only way I can do that is to make it imposible for the man to put himself in the same position again. I shall, therefore, put him on probation and make it a condition that he does not touch one drop of alcohol, and if he breaks that order he will be liable to be sent to prison for four months."

Etherton said that he took beer because when he went before a specialist for the Army he was told that a glass of beer was as good as a meal to him. He suffered from gastritis.

Mr. Hay Halkett questioned the wisdom of taking any malt liquor with such a complaint, and told the man that the order meant that he was not to have any drink in the house.

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NATURE BEATS SCIENCE.

HOLBORN EXPLOSION INQUIRY REVELATION.

GAS IN TUNNEL.

London, Jan. 1.

Evidence of Post Office experts was taken at the Home Office inquiry into the Bloomsbury and Holborn tunnel explosions.

The first witness was Mr. Robert Sinclair, chief inspector of the Central External Section of the Post Office Engineering Department.

He said that the main tunnel was constructed about 1866 by a company to convey parcels. The system was then one of compressed air. Experience showed the impossibility of keeping the tunnel airtight, and it was purchased by the G.P.O. in 1921.

It was made of cast iron plates an inch thick, and was five feet wide by four feet high.

In the section under Broad-street were 26 separate telephone cables; there were also galvanised steel tubes containing electric light and power cables.

There was a switch for lighting the blowing machine used to ventilate the tunnel.

Had to go Down.

Three men—Fisher, Thrower (the man killed in the explosion) and Standley—went, said witness, to the manhole on December 20 with their blower to drive off any lead gas that might be there.

The Attorney General (for the G.P.O.): Suppose there had been a test with a safety lamp, and the nature of the flame showed foul air, would the men still have been under the necessity of using the blower, and would somebody have had to descend into the subway to turn on the switch?—Yes.

Mr. Sinclair said he thought it would be light enough at the switch for Thrower to see to attach the lead of the blower.

Mr. Miller (for the Gas Light and Coke Company). I suggest that if he wanted to see he would make some sort of artificial light in those circumstances at that time of day and year.

Witness thought that with the type of plug used he did not think that an electric spark could have been caused.

He agreed that there was no regulation to prevent workmen from taking matches into a manhole.

Mr. Miller: So that if Thrower had had difficulty with the plug he might very well have struck a match?—He might, although one of the regulations is "Don't use a naked light."

He might strike a spark on the iron ladder from the nails in his boots?—It is possible.

The idea is that when you suspect that gas is there, the first thing to do is to go down into the gas?—In this particular tube we were taking the precaution of making it in good condition.

The precautions involve the going down of somebody into the tube before it has been cleared?—Yes.

Do you think that wise?—Yes. He (Thrower) went there to disperse it.

Surely it was an unfortunate circumstance that to get the blower to work a man had to go down to this gas-infested place. The blower is there to clear the gas, and if you leave the switch down there you must send your man there before it is cleared?—Yes.

Coal Gas Smell.

Asked if it would be possible to put the plug for the blower on the wall of the shaft, so that it could be reached from the road surface, without a man going down the manhole, Mr. Sinclair answered, "Yes."

He had complained to Holborn Borough Council of the smell in the tube in December 1926. He asked them to have the sewer examined.

There was always a smell of gas in the tunnel, and since 1925 he had suspected coal gas; before that there was no smell of coal gas.

Mr. James Brown, district superintendent engineer of the London District of the Post Office, then described the conditions in the wrecked tunnel.

The Nose Knows.

Dealing with the 1926 incident, when two men were gassed, Mr. Miller pointed out that although investigations were made with repeated tests, the workmen were all satisfied that it was not coal gas.

Mr. Brown: I was not satisfied. We never accounted for the gassing of those men. Although the gas leak indicator did not give a reading, I smelt coal gas slightly. The analysis ultimately proved that there was an odour of coal gas.

He could not agree that the blower was to remove foul or explosive gases. It was to remove foul air. If there was any suspicion of gas they stopped work and took precautions laid down in the book, which included the use of the safety lamps.

Mr. Watson (for the L.C.C.): You are aware that the nose is a very delicate scientific instrument, and that it can detect degrees of concentration which cannot be detected by any other instrument.

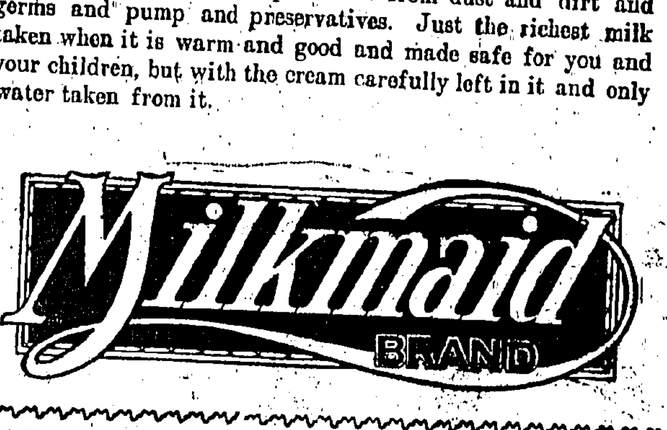
A concentration of one in 50,000 in coal gas can easily be detected by the nose, although it is imperceptible to any chemical analysis and quite harmless from the explosive point of view.

Mr. Brown: I will take your word for it. I am not a chemist, but I know the nose will detect coal gas when the gas indicator does not show it.

The chairman said that the evidence seemed to show that the men who went to the manhole had neither safety lamps nor any other such apparatus.

Mr. Brown: They have them close at hand, and they could get them quite easily.

The inquiry was adjourned.



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Representative leaders contribute surveys of shipbuilding, shipping and commerce in 1928 to the annual review of "Lloyd's List and Shipping Gazette."

Mr. J. T. Batey, President of the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation, discussing unprofitable shipbuilding, writes:

"No one with a full knowledge of the circumstances would suggest that the past year has been a good one for the shipbuilding industry, either of this country or of the world. The prices obtainable by shipbuilders at the present time are still on an uneconomic level. The acceptance of prices which do not even cover standing charges, far less allow for profit, cannot go on indefinitely. Sooner or later the rule that the fittest survives must operate."

Dealing with the improvement in the standard of ships, Mr. Batey states:

"I feel confident in saying that the vessels which are being produced to-day are more highly efficient than those turned out at any time in the history of the British shipbuilding industry. We have greatly extended our research work, and excellent results are being obtained from the scientific investigations made both as regards design and propulsion. Such progress tends to hasten the obsolescence of the older and less economical vessels."

Fuel Economy and Speed.

Sir Frederick Henderson, an ex-President of the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation, records that the British shipbuilding industry in 1928 has been slightly better than at any time during the preceding seven years of acute depression.

"The year now closing," he adds, "has been remarkable for its progress in regard to improvements in propelling machinery of existing vessels to secure fuel economy and speed, and this progress has brought much valuable work to the marine engineering side of the ship-repairing business. The performances of the various vessels which have had these improvements installed are being watched with great interest, not only by British shipbuilders and ship-repairers, but by the owners, and it is hoped that the success which is being claimed for many of them will bring further much-needed work to ship-repairers in 1929."

Sir Frederick Henderson welcomes the rating relief which, under the Government scheme, is to be granted to productive industry late in 1929.

"I regret," he proceeds, "that there is a tendency among the political parties to deal with the rating relief problem on the old party lines. I do hope the purely party spirit will be set aside and that all will concentrate and co-operate in so shaping the measure that it will bring the maximum benefit to the depressed areas in which shipbuilding and ship-repairing are situated."

Shipping Economies.

Sir William Seager, President of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom, deals with the shipping trade.

"Shipping freights during the year," he remarks, "have on the whole been lower month by month than during the corresponding months of 1927.... There is some hope that the next few months will show a continuance of the recent small improvement, as the American harvests have been good, and a good deal of grain will have to be moved to Europe across the Atlantic and to the East across the Pacific.

"For tramp shipping to pay its way at freights which are little above the 1913 level, vessels must be efficient and well equipped, and must be worked with the greatest economy both at sea and in port. Of the efficiency of our British vessels we may well be proud. British owners, whether of cargo or liner vessels, do not hesitate to adopt the latest designs of hull, machinery, and equipment. Of the 19.7 million gross tons of vessels owned in Great Britain and Ireland on Lloyd's Register in June last, nearly 10 million gross tons, or more than half, represented vessels less than 10 years old, and only 3½ million gross tons were 20 years of age or over."

Several contributors criticise the policy of British owners in disposing of their old vessels to foreign buyers. In many cases, it is pointed out, these ships are used in competition against British vessels. The mercantile marine of this country, it is maintained, would be in a much more flourishing state than it is to-day if owners of cargo vessels followed the rule of a few of our liner companies, and refused to sell old tonnage except to be broken up.

FASHODA RECALLED.

KITCHENER'S RIVAL WORKING AT MATHEMATICS.

Paris, Jan. 3.

"Fashoda? I have forgotten it."

Thus General Marchand, who 30 years ago brought England and France to the verge of war, repudiated the incident, which has already secured him a sure place in history.

Kitchener had just defeated the Dervishes at Atbara and Omdurman, and it may be remembered that he showed remarkable tact at his meeting with the French expedition, and that in the end the French Government ordered Marchand to withdraw from the Upper Nile area, and so a serious crisis was averted.

The French hero of this incident was found by a representative of the *Petit Parisien* living quietly in the forest of Chantilly, devoting his time to his hobby—mathematics. He hopes to solve a problem left open on the death of the famous mathematician, Henri Poincare, the Prime Minister's brother.

General Marchand talked of the war and of his reconciliation with M. Clemenceau, who had once declared, "Between us it is war to the knife."

In 1915 the General was badly wounded, and while he was in hospital M. Clemenceau visited him with the words. "Now it is only France which matters." A large photograph of the "Tiger" occupies the place of honour in General Marchand's study.

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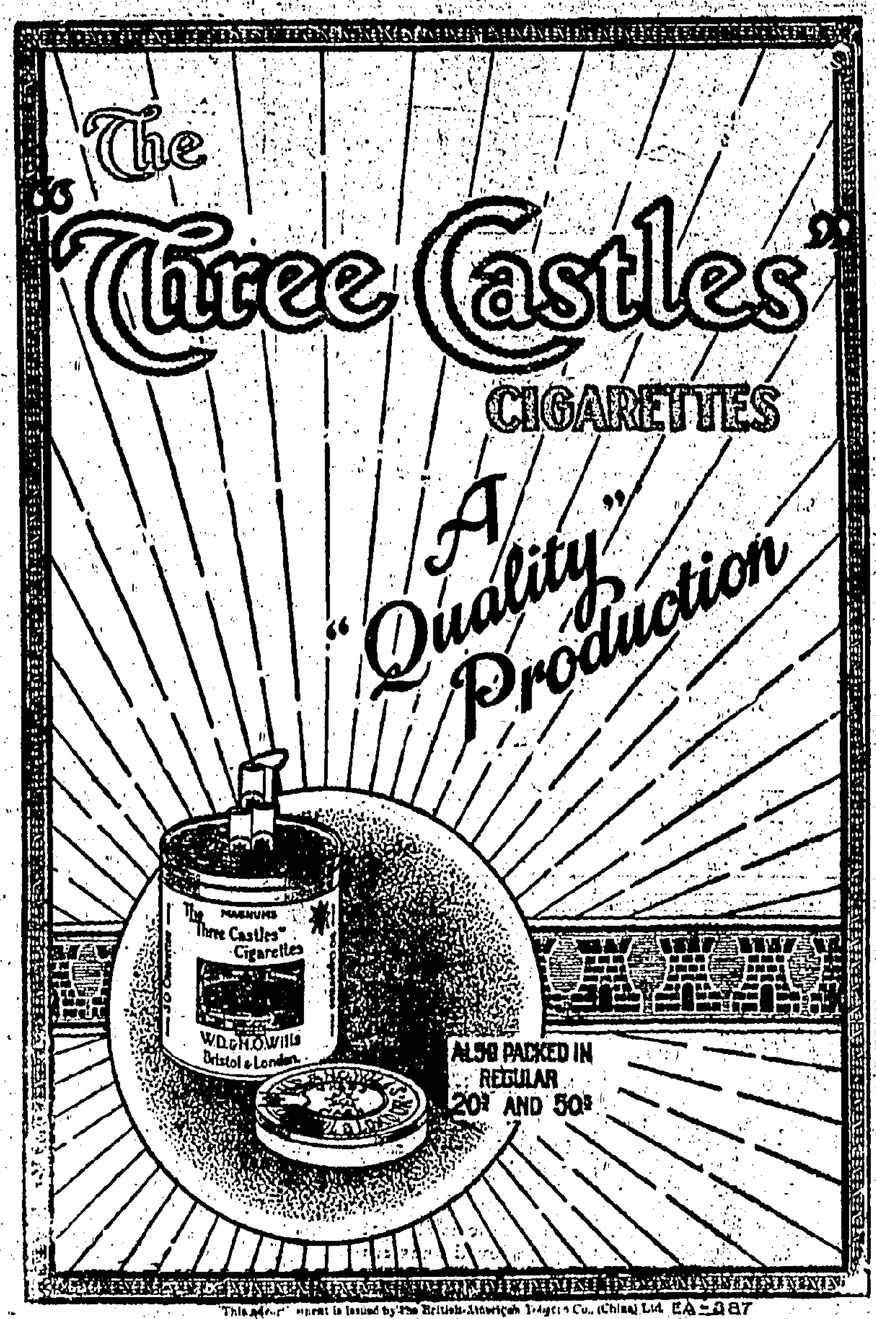

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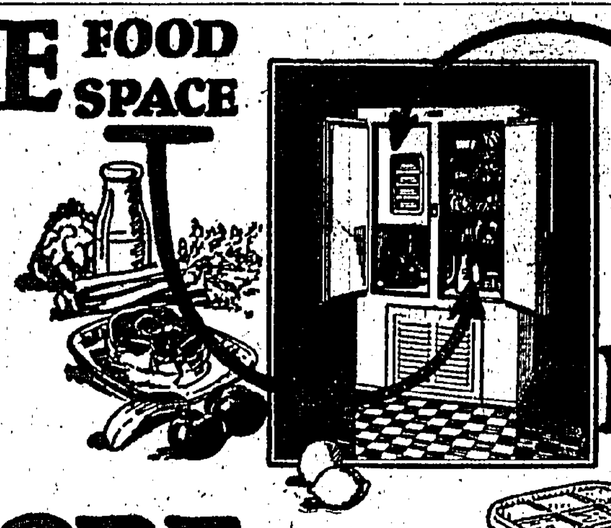

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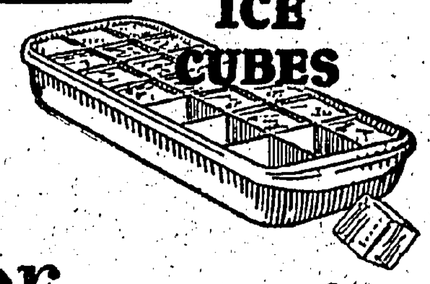

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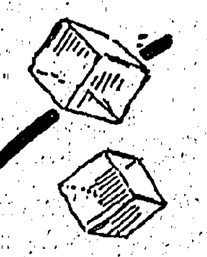

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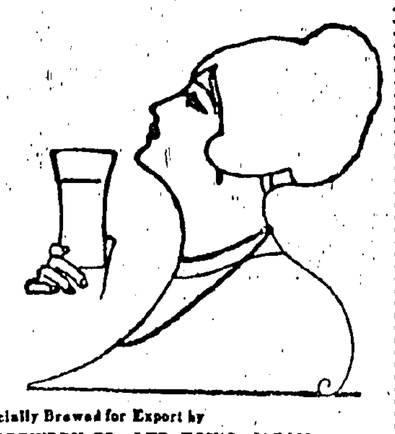

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Cheese Sandwiches.—Mix an equal quantity of grated cheese and butter on a plate, add a spoonful of cream, a very little made mustard and cayenne.

Mustard and cress, shredded lettuce or watercress may be added if desired.

Ham, Tongue, Chicken, Game.—For parties, it is best to mince these different ingredients. Season highly—a little chutney, chopped pickle, curry-paste, or powder, may be introduced with good effect. Chopped watercress, celery, cucumber, or tomato cut into thin slices may be added to any kind of meat sandwich. Finely-chopped lobster or crab mixed with mayonnaise and chopped chutney or gherkin make a good filling, as do sardines, cooked bloater, or finnan haddock, freed from skin and bone, pounded and mixed with butter and seasoning and then sieved.

Nuts make nourishing sandwiches if toasted in the oven to loosen the brown skin, finely chopped and mixed with whipped cream or mayonnaise. Shredded lettuce, celery, or cress may be added also.

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What an aid to a harassed wife it would be, for instance, if, after having casually announced that the housekeeping bills, she feared, would be doubled at the end of next month, she could have a clear record of the intensity of the shock to which her husband had been subjected by hearing the news. And this is what the new instrument will be expected to supply.

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Even in the drawing-room, it may have its uses. When secrets are too carefully kept, science *may* come to the rescue. But here, I admit, that the processes already in use have been so far perfected as to render any further improvement almost unnecessary, except, perhaps, in the most stubborn cases of refusal to satisfy curiosity.—H. M. in *Exchange*.

Englishwomen Abroad.

OFTEN CONSIDERED VERY TYPE OF PLAINNESS.

Someone has been drawing attention to the fact that in Italy it is a common belief that England has fewer beautiful women than any other country, but I am sure that it is not only in Italy that such a belief exists.

In France, also, there are still many who consider the Englishwoman the very type of plainness, and this is in spite of the popular craze among French women for sport and their admiration of the sporting qualities of the English girl.

Yet I am convinced that Englishwomen travelling in France would decide that English girls were far better looking than French girls, and would probably also want to know why we hear so much about the genius of the French for dressing.

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But the trouble is that the best-looking and the best-dressed young Englishwomen, with a few exceptions, do not seem to be the ones who possess any desire to run about Europe, while France, Switzerland, and Italy simply swarm with British women of the more earnest type, to whom clothes, and consequently looks, are a very secondary consideration.

Foreigners must be pardoned if they judge Englishwomen from those they meet in their own countries, and the simple truth is that many of those they do meet have simply not taken the trouble to dress for them.

It is difficult to find an adequate explanation for the fact that so many middle-class British women should fail so lamentably to clothe themselves suitably and attractively when they visit other European countries, but certainly upon those who do thus fail falls heavily the guilt of earning for their country—women a reputation for plainness, which it will take years to live down.

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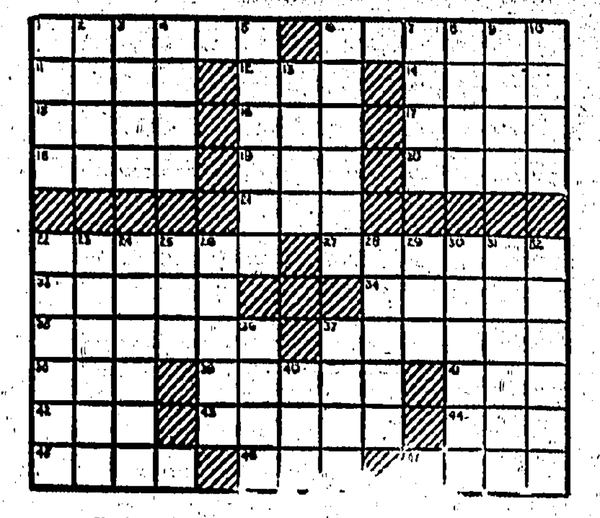

Horizontal

1 Uproar.
6 To journey.
11 Fluid volcanic rock.
12 Bird similar to an ostrich.
14 To talk wildly.
15 One in cards (pl.)
16 Male.
17 A hint in the solution of a mystery.
18 Saucy.
19 Wayside hotel.
20 Flock.
21 Born.
22 Concocted.
27 A hoisting apparatus.
33 Flat.
34 Trained attendant of the sick.
35 Subsided.
37 Long, narrow pieces of cloth.
38 Mire.
39 Box made of wooden slats.
41 Exclamation of disgust.
42 To piece out.
43 Small wax candle.
44 To rent.
45 Writing table.
46 Diamond.
47 Sailor's meal on board ship.

Vertical

1 To applaud.
2 Decorative mesh.
3 To assert.
4 Spar on a vessel.
5 To cause to remember.
6 Subway.
7 Mischievous.
8 Glade.
9 Always.
10 Dissolute.
13 Long, heavy hair on a horse's neck.
22 Censured.
23 A reprimand.
24 Avoids.
25 Moist.
26 To choose by ballot.
28 To bury.
29 Hairy coat of an animal.
30 A thing of little importance.
31 Discerns.
32 Changes a jewel setting.
36 To pull along by main force.
37 Stalk.
40 To imitate.

Yesterday's Solution.

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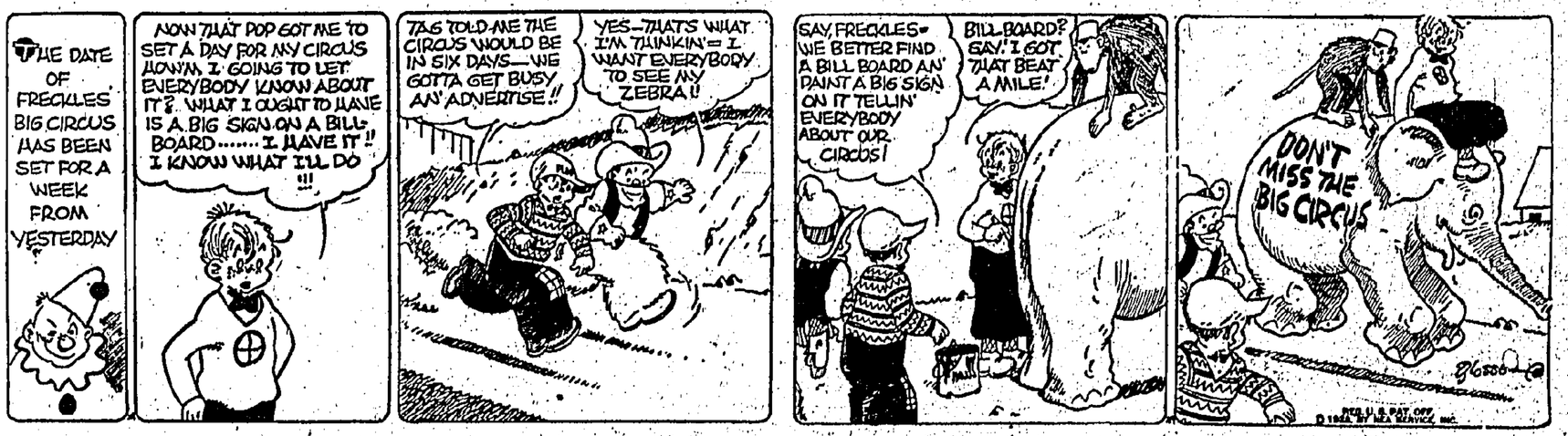

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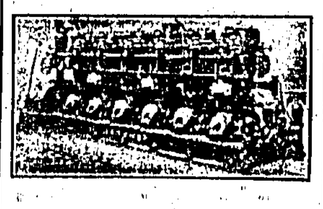

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DISBANDMENT.

While there can be no question that one of the greatest needs in China to-day is the cutting down of superfluous armies, there is much sound sense in the arguments put forward by Marshal Li Chai-sum in the course of an interview accorded to a *Telegraph* representative on his return to the South yesterday. The burden of his contentions was that there can be such a thing as too rapid and too rigid disbandment. He elaborated his viewpoint by showing that dispersed "Red" troops and scattered groups of bandits, although not a menace in certain districts at the moment, might easily resume their pernicious activities once they see that the regular forces are cut down to a point at which they would be unable to offer adequate resistance. At the same time, the Canton leader indicated that he would loyally support the Nanking Conference in its decision to effect a huge reduction in the Kwangtung and Kwangsi Armies.

The problem for China is one possessing many facets. Admitted that the case for wholesale reduction of the nation's armed forces has been made out, there are still so many considerations to be taken into account that the task of accomplishment is extraordinarily difficult. As to the reasons lying at the back of the need for action, first and foremost we must place the danger of allowing hundreds of separate armies, owing allegiance to various military leaders, to continue in existence. So long as this system is tolerated, so long will there be periodical tussles for power between rival generals, with consequences imposing the utmost hardship and suffering on the people. For, apart from the terrors of actual warfare, there is the additional circumstance that military commanders who are a law unto themselves oppress and "squeeze" the people to an intolerable extent in their demands for funds with which to enrich themselves and pay their men. Then there is the tremendous wastage of money in non-productive energy which the keeping up of these huge armies implies. Happily, at the present time China has a better centralised Government than she has had since the Republic was established, and the task of bringing the armed forces of the country under something like real control is thus rendered so much the easier.

But whilst the necessity for disbandment is beyond all argument, the application of the principle on any large scale is surrounded with difficulties. Obviously, hundreds of thousands of men cannot be drafted out of the Army and left to fend for themselves. That would only accentuate the problem, for men so placed would naturally turn to banditry. So it becomes necessary for employment to be found for the disbanded soldiery, and for this purpose funds are essential to start big reconstruction schemes. So far as the dispersed old-time soldiers and bandits generally are concerned, poverty explains their depredations. They take to organised robbery as a means of living. Here, again, something will have to be done to attract these men into steady employment if they are not to continue being a menace to the country. In view of the disbandment decisions, the necessity for handling this aspect of the problem becomes all the greater. These are some of the issues bound up with the disbandment question. They call for real statesmanship. If China's present leaders can tackle these problems satisfactorily, they will have well served their day and generation.

Lancashire Cotton.

The figures quoted by the Manchester Chamber of Commerce in reference to increasing exports of high-quality piece-goods, taken in conjunction with the recently announced formation of a Lancashire Cotton Corporation, an amalgamation for mass production purposes, give rise to confident expectations of an early recovery from the British cotton slump of the past six or seven years. Manchester has specialised for comment Lancashire's new line, a mixture of cotton and artificial silk, the demand for which is increasing by leaps and bounds, and of which the world markets are taking steadily increasing quantities. The all-round increase in the piece-goods export trade for 1928 has been placed at over £1,880,000, which represents an advance of practically 50 per cent. on the 1927 figure, which was less than £4,000,000. This is encouraging indeed, though it should not be overlooked that it is still the good-quality products, in which Lancashire has always reigned supreme, that the business is being done. For a complete or even partially complete restoration of Lancashire's former position it is essential that she should be able to compete in cheaper grade cloths. And it is here that, it is hoped, the Lancashire Cotton Corporation will come in. Backed by the Bank of England and some of the most powerful men in the industry, it is expected that at least 10,000,000 spindles will come under its control within the next few months. Its biggest effort will be launched in China, and the promoters venture the belief that by co-operation in every branch of production and distribution, they will be in a position to compete on equal terms with Japan, and even Shanghai. It may be too much to expect that Lancashire will dominate as before, but there seems no reason why the China trade should not prove a big factor in the rehabilitation of Lancashire's industries. Sir Harry Goschen, the chairman of the National Provincial Bank, points out that there now exists in China a great opportunity for extending all sections of our trade in China, which if neglected now, may not recur. If we read the signs aright, Lancashire has realised that long since, and is preparing to share in the prosperity that must follow peace in this country and in which it is certain Hongkong will play a large part.

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	London, Feb. 1.
Paris	124.10
New York	4.84 27/32
Brussels	34.89
Geneva	25.21
Amsterdam	12.10¼
Milan	92.65
Berlin	20.42
Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	18.18
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.01
Prague	163¾
Helsingfors	193¾
Madrid	29.375
Lisbon	109¾
Athens	375
Bucharest	807½
Rio	5.29/32
Buenos Aires	47⅛
Bombay	1/6
Shanghai	2/6⅝
Hongkong	2/0
Yokohama	1/10⅝
Silver (spot)	26.5/16
Silver (forward)	26⅛

—*British Wireless.*

DAY BY DAY.

GOD BE THANKED THAT THERE ARE SOME IN THE WORLD TO WHOSE HEARTS THE BARNACLES WILL NOT CLING.—*J. G. Holland.*

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The *Gazette* gives particulars of alteration of house numbers at Aplichau.

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Lieut. Commanders L. G. Addington and L. M. Bridge have been appointed to H.M.S. Tamar.

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The P. & O. s.s. Mantua from Hongkong arrived at Marseilles on 1st February at 7.30 a.m.

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From the Standard Oil Company we have received a batch of their effective Chinese calendars.

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A winding-up notification states that the Chinese Merchants Bank, Ltd., has declared a third dividend of three per cent.

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Seven further Chinese cases of small-pox were notified yesterday, of which six were from Kowloon and the other from Victoria.

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The rainfall registered at the Botanic Gardens in January only totalled 1.30 inches. All fell on the five days from the 26th to the 30th inclusive.

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His Excellency the Governor has appointed Ma Sai-hong to be a Forest Officer for the control and superintendence of the forests of the Colony.

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Tenders are now being invited for widening patrol path from Sheung Shui to Ta Ku Ling to 10 feet; and access and patrol path to Lo Wu Railway Station Block House.

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The silk forwarded from Hongkong by the Empress of Russia on the 9th January arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on the 30th January, having been 21 days in transit.

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Kowloon Inland Lot 2171, situate at Kowloon Tong, will be sold by auction at the P.W.D. offices on the 18th instant. It has an area of 7,480 square feet, and the upset price is fifty cents per foot.

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Two Chinese were admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday from different addresses, suffering from the effects of overdoses of opium which they took in attempts to commit suicide.

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His Excellency the Governor has appointed Inspector Frank Shaftain to be an Examiner of Weights and Measures under the Weights and Measures Ordinance, and also an Inspector under the Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance.

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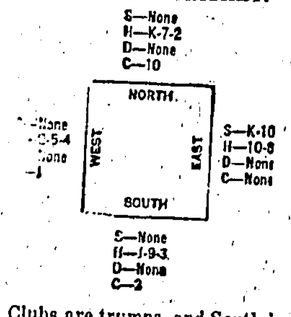
A report has been made to the police by Lam Sui-kat, the proprietor of No. 82 poultry stall at the Central Market, alleging that a foki, named Lam Man-cho, has disappeared after cashing a cheque for $2,000 at the Bank of Canton.

BY FABYAN MATHEY.



Clubs are trumps, and South has the lead. North and South must win three of the four tricks.

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Lay out the cards on a table, as shown in the diagram, and study the situation. See if you can find a method of play that will net North and South three tricks.

The Solution.

This puzzle, not unlike that of the day before, involves what is called "throwing the lead." But here the purpose in doing so is somewhat different. In the preceding puzzle, the opponents were forced to lead a suit which both North and South lacked. Here they must lead from their own strength to greater strength.

The trump is opened, East discarding a spade. West of course must return a heart, South covering whatever East plays. South now returns the higher of his two remaining hearts, and West is the victim of the ensuing finesse.

Don't be afraid to let your opponents lead now and then. The waiting game is sometimes the best game. You'll find that it will frequently bring you additional tricks.

HOLLYWOOD EN FAMILLE.

Impressions of a British Visitor.

[Below is another of the series of impressions of the United States written by Mr. Collinson Owen, the British novelist and dramatic critic on his first visit to that country, for the *Christian Science Monitor*.]

So far, despite a search which has not lacked a certain ardour, I have found nothing resembling indecorum in Hollywood. The days of improprieties are either past or never were. My own opinion, decided on somewhat reluctantly, is that they never were, or, at any rate, not more than is the case anywhere else. Possibly in the early days of the film rush there was a considered liveliness among these children of a new world, flushed by a success and prosperity never dreamed of, and as yet not quite aware that the eyes of the world were upon them. But that is a long time ago, and if any such disclosures are ever made they will have the far-away appearance that attaches to all accounts of turpitude in days that are no more.

But whether that is true or not, from what I have seen of contemporary Hollywood everything is as decorous as need be. Indeed, I have been to studio parties in London much more boisterous—and gay—than anything I have found here. It may be that over Hollywood now hangs a certain self-consciousness. For one thing, it knows very well now that the eyes of the world are upon it. And again, when everybody is more or or less famous, and famous for the same sort of thing, there is apt to be a levelling of temperaments. A gathering of film stars is, after all, very like a gathering of Royal Academicians. Inevitably the sobering professional element creeps in. Mix a gathering of film stars with a gathering of R. A.'s and then you might have results.

This is only a partial explanation, because at some such gatherings I have seen a good deal of real fun; just the sort of fun that would go on at any good party. This, no doubt, is largely to be explained by the fact that on such occasions the stars were among themselves, almost en famille. The fact that I, a mere member of the ordinary public, by some accident of magic happened to be temporarily one of them, must not be allowed to warp one's sense of values. In the intimate life of royal families the formalities of majesty are largely ignored, or so one understands. So it is with Hollywood intime.

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The royal comparison perhaps explains it all best. There is a sprinkling of kings and queens in Hollywood—ruling great studios—many princes and princesses, and so on down through all the gradations of royalty. Here and there is a prince or princess from the poorer film royalty of Europe, but welcome all the same as being a royal cousin. On state occasions—in the studios or elsewhere—the kings and queens are invested with all the attributes of majesty, naturally assumed and freely acknowledged. But on all other occasions there is a pleasant, all-round informality....And of course there is much visiting between one Beverly Hills palace and another.

"The fact is," said one of the European royalties to me, "it's just a village here. You're in one set or another, and you meet just the same people over and over again. If you knew how at times I long to get back."....Roise en exile, so to speak. But in many ways a very pleasant exile.

Which reminds me that sitting in one of the small studio projection theatres I have next to me a "star" from Britain with a military record behind him. He has done three years in Hollywood, with two more to go. On the screen come a mixture of sound pictures—various London scenes and then the Trooping of the Colour, with colour and music complete. Even after a few months' absence it is more than thrilling to me thus to see London's supreme pageantry in California. How it pulls one. And my poor neighbour? He is groaning, "Oh, what I'd give to see it all again."

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Those pictures of London did him no good. Just no doubt as a southern Californian who had been living for three years in what London calls weather would sigh when he saw on the screen scenes from his beloved Los Angeles.

As to Hollywood in its lighter moments, perhaps the smaller parties are best. At one of these I met Ernest, as we will call him, whose name and personality are known all over the world wherever the screen has flickered. Small, electric, never still. Not a suggestion of the grave air of the celebrity hangs over him, even though it is as a comedian that the world knows him. By all the rules of these things he should be, in his hours of repose, a depressing influence, a solemn person. Instead he radiates good cheer, dances absurdly, burlesques Al Jolson in "Sonny Boy" doesn't care if his collar or even his hair is crumpled. This is really royal generosity—for a man to give to his friends at any moment what millions wait to see at rare intervals.

Out in the Wild East (which will do as a name for Europe) we often heard stories of the failures and tragedies of Hollywood; of the blighted hopes and gnawing despair of girls and men who have travelled the long trail, though not in covered wagon, to the Eldorado of the film. There must be many such. But these things might—and do—happen anywhere.

But though Hollywood may be full of such unhappy failures one does not see them. There is no Poverty Corner here—nowhere where the failures hang about. Nobody hangs about anywhere, indeed. There is no strolling or loitering place in all the 436 square miles of Los Angeles. So whatever the city hides in this respect one sees nothing of it. And contrary to what one would think, living can be very cheap, even rents. Somewhere in cheap single rooms the failures contrive to exist, somehow, and the weather is so kind that an overcoat is rarely needed.

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But by chance I happen on a sort of failure. I am in the office of a famous film director. His name, too, has gone round the world. He is a man of marked character, cynical but kindly.

As we talk he excuses himself for a few moments. A girl has arrived in his secretary's office, he explains, who was on a newspaper in a far-away American city. She came to Hollywood, like so many others, to write scenarios. These, he says, are impossible. He must deal with her as gently as possible. Fortunately, he adds, she has managed to secure a job of another kind—"selling advertising" for a Los Angeles firm, which will take her travelling round southern California. So it might be worse.

He goes just outside, leaving the door wide open, so that I hear it all. There is just a hint of weeping in it now and then.

"My dear," his deep voice rumbles, "I'm sorry I can't do anything with it. It just isn't my kind of story. But I'll send it to some of the others to read it."

There is a sniffle.

"I don't suppose they will."

"Oh yes, they will. I'll make 'em."

"Make them! There you are, Mr. X! You'll make them! You mean my stuff's so bad you'll have to force them to read it!"

"No, my dear young lady. I mean nothing of the kind. It's very good, only it's just not what I want. That's all."

"But it's so hard, Mr. X, when I know I can write. I don't pretend to be able to do anything else, and I'm not conceited, but I just know I can write. You know that, Mr. X."

"Yes, my dear. But we can't all have just what we want. That's the trouble. I can't do just what I want. It's the same with everybody. And you've got this job."

"Yes." (A very pronounced sob here.) "Selling advertising, when I w-want to write scenarios. And I don't want to leave Hollywood."

"But that's where you're wrong. What you've got now is much better. I'd be glad to leave Hollywood. You'll go travelling all round southern California."

"I don't want to go travelling round southern California. I just want to stay right here w-writing scenarios.....And I know I can."

"Well, that's very foolish of you, my dear, I'd get out of Hollywood if I could. Glad to. I was much happier when I was a boy on the farm."

"Oh, you're only saying that, Mr. X."

There is much more of it and the big director (I wonder how many would be like him) never loses his gentle patience. And finally he closes the interview with what sounds like a benediction, so kindly and paternal is his tone.

"Look here, my dear, you're all wrong about this. Believe me, this job is a much better thing for you. You just get right out of this place and don't worry about it any more, and come and see me again some day and tell me I was right."

With a broken word of thanks she goes on her way to sell advertising in southern California, leaving her dreams of Hollywood behind her.....And as I resume my conversation with the director and hear something of his views, and something of his trials, I am not sure that he was not quite sincere in the advice he gave her.

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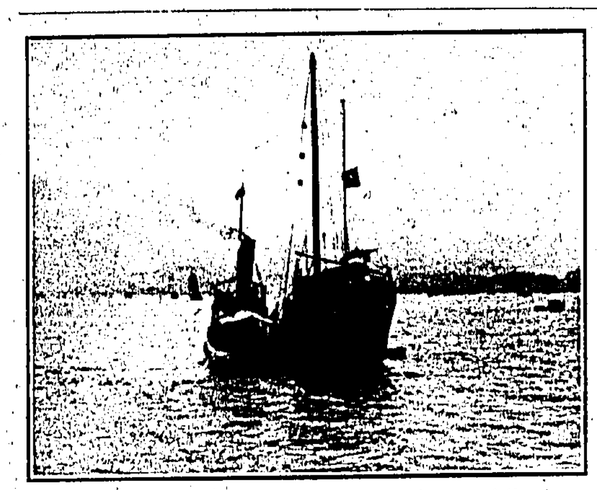
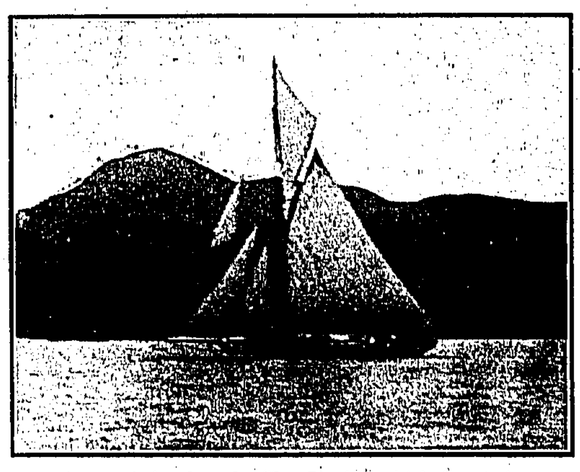
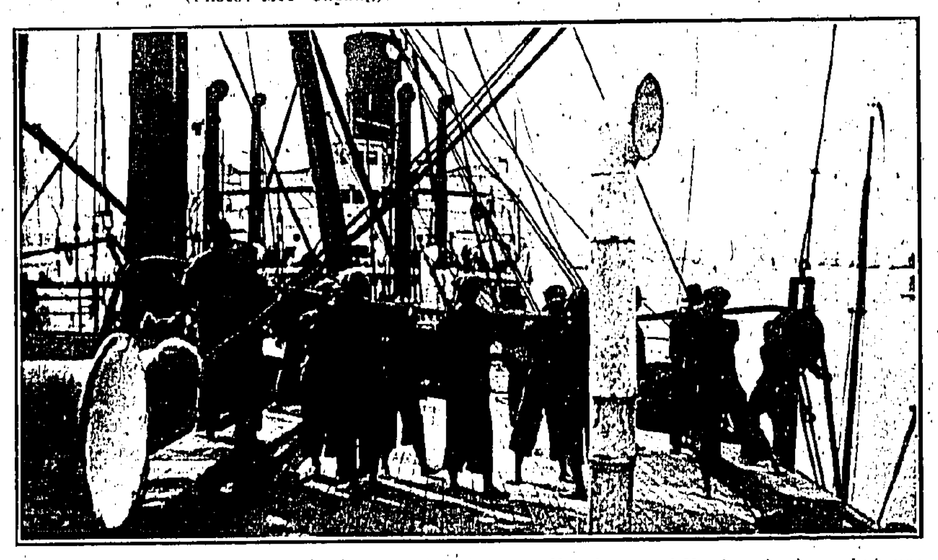


The new telephone cable between Hongkong and Kowloon was laid within the short space of half an hour on Thursday morning last. Our photo shows the laying the progress. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

The above photograph was taken at the Lusitano Club when the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga was honoured by the Portuguese community on his appointment to a seat on the Legislative Council. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



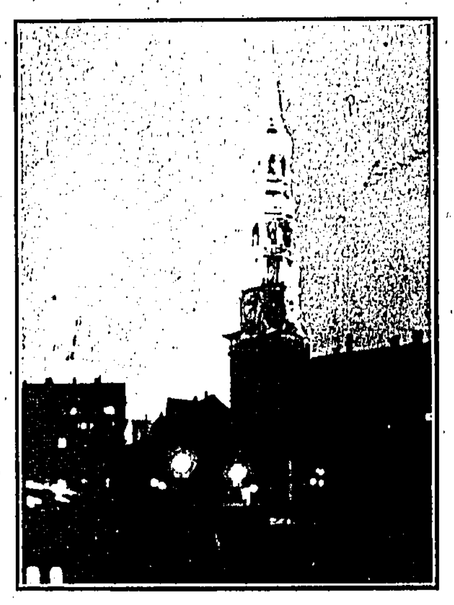
The crack local yacht "La Cigale" which has twice won the Hongkong-Macao Race, which holds the record for a round-the-island sail and which has won the cruiser championship on many occasions.



The new telephone cable which was laid between Hongkong and Kowloon in the early hours of last Thursday morning, is here seen being unloaded from the s.s. Cardiganshire. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

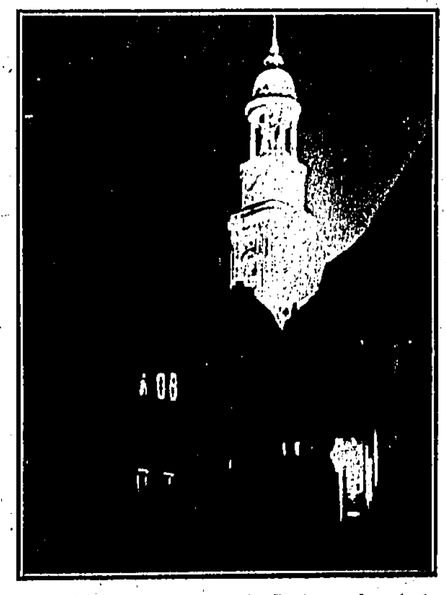
Leung Yun-sau, graduate of the Y.M.C.A. Day School, who won the character and industry prize, awarded by vote of the students.

At Queen's College recreation ground, Causeway Bay, on Saturday, a tennis match was played between teams representative of past and present pupils. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



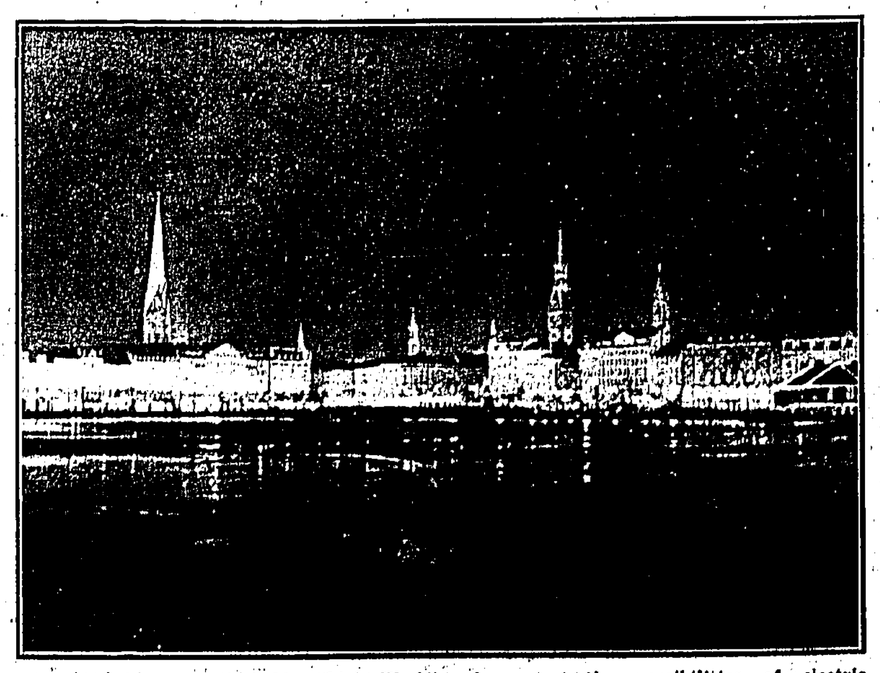
One of Hamburg's many churches, as seen during the recent "Light Week."

Football teams of past and present pupils of Queen's College competed on Saturday in sports held on the College recreation ground at Causeway Bay on Saturday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



The tower of an 18th Century church in Hamburg, as seen at night during the recent "Light Week."

The Hongkong Junior Fours team, which was successful against Canton in the recent regatta held at Canton. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



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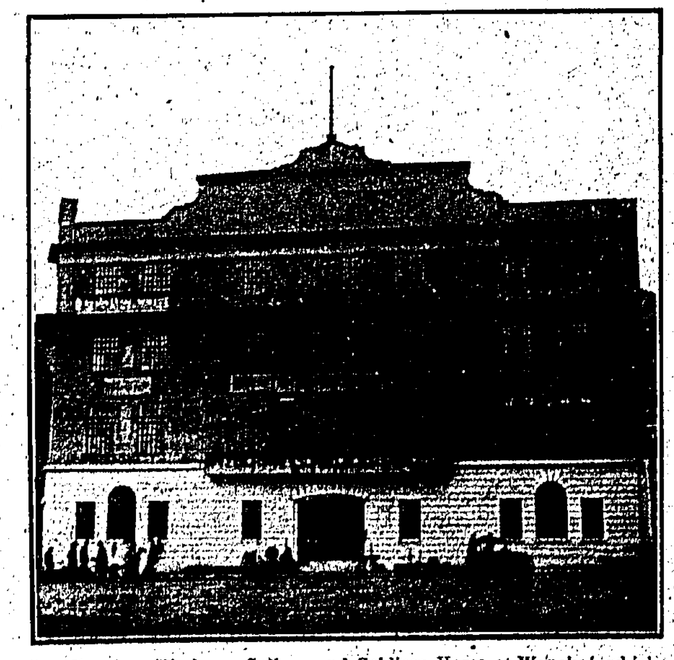
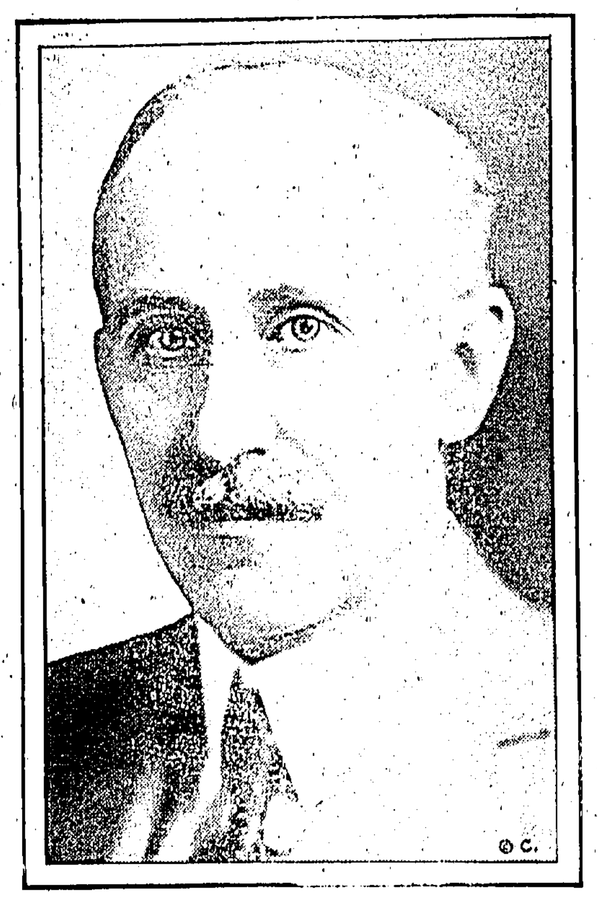


The new Wesleyan Sailors and Soldiers Home at Wanchai, which was opened by H.E. the Governor on Wednesday afternoon. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

THE FIRST MAN TO FLY.

INTERVIEW WITH Mr. ORVILLE WRIGHT.



Above is Mr. Orville Wright, father of the airplane, as he appears to-day 25 years after he gave his invention to the world. In the accompanying exclusive interview Mr. Wright tells why he has been unable to fly an airplane for the past 10 years.

[By Allene Sumner.]

Washington, Dec. 22. Orville Wright, the man who first flew "like the birds of the air" a quarter of a century ago while an undertaker waited with his rough box and bony horse on a windswept sand dune in North Carolina, is perhaps the only man of aeronautics to-day who thinks there's "too much prophecy and too much optimism about the future of aviation."

Orville Wright the first man to fly in "a heavier-than-air machine, has just run the gamut of his 25th anniversary of what happened at Kitty Hawk, N. C., on Dec. 17, 1903. He has been the guest of honour of the world of aeronautics the hero of the First International Civil Aeronautics Conference that drew aviation leaders to Washington from many nations. There were speeches and talk and glowing prophecy of the future of aviation but none of it from this quiet little man from Dayton, Ohio.

They flipped a coin he and his brother Wilbur Wright, now dead—down in Kitty Hawk that memorable December day in 1903 for the privilege of breaking a neck, as the awed onlookers believed, by attempting man's first airplane flight. But no neck was broken the plane flew.

Unable to Fly Plane.

But, strangely enough, the joys of piloting an airplane are denied to Orville Wright to-day, and have been for ten years. He has not been able to operate a plane in nearly a decade.

"The vibration of the 'stick' is too much for my sciatica," he explained, with a smile.

"I can ride, though, and I do, as often as I can," he continued. "But I can't drive my own plane any more. That's the way life goes, isn't it?"

He smiled again as he indicated a youth in aviation togs who was crossing the hotel lobby.

"That boy has all the fun in the business," he said. "It is our job to do the research work to protect him."

Aviation's Future.

I asked him about the future of aviation.

"How can any of us say what comes next?" he asked me, smiling a bit sadly.

"Real progress is a matter of all things working together. It would be so easy to say, for instance, that aviation would revolutionize mail service; that mail carried on trains would soon be a thing of the past. It may be, but how can we say that our own pet child, the airplane, is the answer?

"Look at what wireless is doing. Mail by wireless, by radio, may take the place of the plane. Life moves so fast—so that—"

Other men at the conference talked glibly about a flivver plane in every home, a landing field in every back yard, a plane for Pa, Ma and all the kids. Henry Ford said he foresaw an "air age." But the man who first flew, the man before whom the whole aeronautical world bowed down, only kept silent, except to say:

"We have prophesied so much too soon. Prophesy should stop; we should be content with what we can do but not begrudge rivalry from other fields of science. I sometimes think that right now the plane is doing about what it will ever do, is doing a complete job; why expect more of it?"

Trans-Atlantic Flights.

"Trans-Atlantic hops?" Wright still smiled, his very round, bright eyes a little derisive.

"Perhaps the first one had some value just to show that it could be done but the rest have been meaningless. Vaudeville stunts!

"I do not believe that the plane is an organic vehicle of transportation. We should leave that business to the dirigibles. Planes have their work over land. Such needless risk is unnecessary, especially when quite outside our province.

"Women in aviation?" Wright lifted deprecating hands.

"Another of those peculiar silly questions. Why generalize? There's too much talk, too much generalization, too much boasting."

Both Wright and Lindbergh, biggest men at the conference, have the same humility and distaste for personal kow-towing.

Makes No Speech.

Wright, though guest of honour, would not make a speech. He would pose for only one picture, and that unwillingly. He would not permit a pre-convention strip of film for publicity purposes.

The committee of arrangements assumed that he would bring a staff of secretaries. They made elaborate arrangements for his accommodation. They learned there was not even one secretary.

"But people will bother you," said the committee. "We'll keep your room and phone number secret."

"Oh, I can answer my phone as often as people want to bother with me," said Wright. "I don't mind being bothered, and I can just tell them that they're mistaken and I'm not the person they need to talk to. It just happened that I flew first."

It was with the greatest difficulty that the committee lured him into the palatial hotel of the conference headquarters away from the modest travelling-salesman hostlery at which he always "stops," as he puts it.

There is none of the modest, poseur about Orville Wright. No superiority. He likes people and admits it. He likes helping out on other people's jobs.

"I do wish I had something big to say to you," he told me, smiling graciously. "But everything's been said, and so many words are so futile. And there's so much to do. It is much better to let deeds speak for themselves."

MILLENARY OF ROYAL MINT.

THOUSANDTH BIRTHDAY OF ENGLISH COINAGE.

To the Royal Mint I went to offer felicitations on the thousandth birthday of our English coinage (writes Laurence Mason in the *Referee*). Yes, this indeed was the millenary year: uniform coins, all struck by dies from the King's Mint on Tower Hill, were the first ordained by the Synod of Greatley, which met in 928, probably in the autumn.

Was no medal to be struck in honour of an anniversary so rare? Alas! no. Yet I should have thought the Mint might have been more sentimentally inclined, for its history is full of the stuff of humanity.

What more natural than the kingly impulse that prompted the Statute of Greatley? That mints scattered here and there should be issuing money not even bearing the monarch's head was a plain offence to King Athelstan. Hence the order that all moneyers should be licensed by him, and should come to London for dies that would make English money the same in North and South and East and West. Ever since then the Royal Mint on Tower Hill, or thereabouts, has reigned lord paramount over the nation's coinage.

Lining the Pocket.

August is the function of the Royal Mint, but not august the characters of all who figure in her story. Some monarchs just regarded the Mint as a perquisite, and sold the moneyer's job to the highest bidder. Listen to Sir Robert Cotton suggesting how James' 1st might wheedle more money from the Mint. "He might," he whispered "make £10,000 a year if it were more heedfully regarded."

By some others the Mint was certainly "heedfully regarded." It is not true that Sir Isaac Newton tarnished his name by association with the Mint as Warden and afterwards as Master, for it was expected that something above his emolument should accrue to him. But what of those tight-fisted money-makers who in the seventeenth century absolutely refused to change clipped and attenuated money save on terms advantageous to themselves? One's heart goes out to poor Mr. Lawrence, City haberdasher, who had accumulated £200 "in good tin half-pence and farthings," yet could not get them changed for his convenience.

High Times.

No wonder 1697 saw a "Committee on the Miscarriages of the Officers of the Royal Mint." To them it was told that even the melter "hath got a great estate by his place and keeps his coach." As for the master worker, he had received in "profit," from June 12th, 1696, to January 19th, 1697, £5,996 11s. 11d.

There was Eloye Mestrell, too, who made money most industrially only not in the Mint. One rather pities him, however. He had come from France and convinced Queen Elizabeth that he could turn out coins without hitting them with a hammer and misshaping them: and Elizabeth had attended at the Tower to see the first coin struck by the new method. Yet when later she was apprised that he had yielded to temptation she consigned him to the hangman, with certain attentions in addition to the rope.

I am a bit sorry, also, for old Jan Roettier, royally as he fared as chief engraver. Brought from Holland by Charles II., he was assigned £150 a year for each of his three sons for helping him. thirty years afterwards somebody discovered that though the sons had long left the Mint, and one indeed was fighting for the King of France, yet Jan was still drawing their salaries.

Petition Coinage.

Jan became suspect as a Papist. "Sir," wrote Sir Isaac Newton on October 2nd, 1698, "pray let Mr. Roettier have the use of the great crown press for coyning of the Medalls, but let some person whom you can confide in attend to see that Mr. Roettier make no other use of the said press." Eventually Jan was driven from his home in the Tower, where, however, there is now a tablet to his not unhonoured memory.

The misfortune that befell Roettier was nothing compared with "that which smote his rival. Thomas Simon was engraver when Charles invited Roettier over, and his indignation at the preference given to the designs of the new comer hastened his dismissal. It was then that he designed his celebrated "Petition Coinage," most tragic, as it is incomparably the most beautiful ever fashioned in England. Fired at once by patriotism and pride is the inscription on it:

Thomas Simon most humbly prays. Your Majesty to compare these his Tryall Pieces with the Dutch and if more truly drawn and embossed, if more gracefully ordered and more accurately engraven to relieve him.

When Charles turned the eye of prejudice on the priceless pieces of Thomas Simon he did himself and the country, as well as the proud artist, injustice.

Mint's Mistakes.

Queer mistakes, even in modern times, have been made by the Mint. The first florin coined was minus "D.G.," and sixpences coined in 1887 proved to be too much like half-sovereigns to be kept in circulation. But the worst mistake occurred when the image of Queen Victoria was brought up to date in her Jubilee year. The slight, girlish figure which had persisted since 1837 had been incongruous enough, but positively ridiculous was the austere head, with a crown athwart it at a rakish angle, that followed, and the special committee that "sat" on it—well, sat on it effectively, and a fresh figure was designed.

One complaint persists, though confessedly it would be better to bellow it in the Treasury than in the guard chambers of Tower Hill. In 1920, when silver was costly, the portion of it was reduced from 925 in 1,000, to which it had been raised by the liberal policy of Elizabeth, to 500 in 1,000. Silver is cheap again, but it has not been reinstated in our money; and appropriate indeed it would have been to return in this special year, to a true silver coinage.

BEFORE THE MAST.

TALES OF SAILING SHIP DAYS.

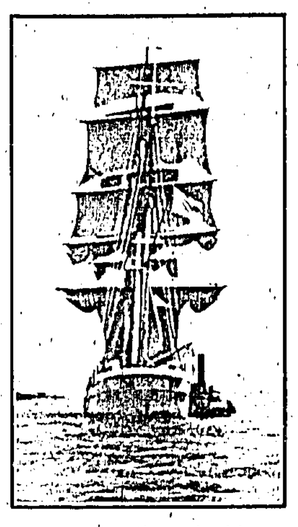
The passing of the sailing ship in the latter years of the nineteenth century has not failed to call forth tributes of memory and regret. If the change meant the abolition of unspeakable hardships and privations, "the blackjack, the knuckleduster, and the "crimp," it meant also the end of an institution inseparably involved with our history and adding lustre to it; it meant the passing of a fine tradition of practical seamanship, and the loss of much that was romantic and beautiful.

In "Before the Mast in Sailing Ships" Captain John Mason tells a plain tale of a life spent in sail, of shipmates of the 'eighties and 'nineties, of rigours and compensating joys. Out of a well-stored memory he gives many yarns that make the old days live anew.

Cast-Iron Discipline.

As often as not the master was a man driver as well as a ship driver and exercised a tyrannical authority. Sailing as able seaman the author once had the misfortune to oversleep, and when the watch was mustered he was late:—

"The captain then turned round and asked why I had slept in. I informed him that I was tired and sleepy, and happened to drop off. 'I guess,' said the captain, 'that we make no allowance for the like of this here. It may be human nature to fall asleep, but human nature is not going to have its own way in this packet; cast-iron discipline will be maintained here, for this is no ordinary lime juicer. You must understand that every one of you belongs to me, body and soul, while you are in this ship; you are under orders, signed articles, to obey, which plays havoc with your own private opinions, and if you fail to hear the watch called, you being tired and sleepy won't excuse you. I will not have an officer going and



tapping you gently, and asking you to get up if you are too tired to do so.'"

Club Law.

It was a hard, rough-and-tumble life. Too often the ships were simply floating hells. Every officer had to be a fighting man, and generally he had a belaying-pin handy in his sea-boot. Primitive savagery was rampant, and, not seldom an officer had to go into hiding (when the belaying-pin or handspike hit its mark too effectively.

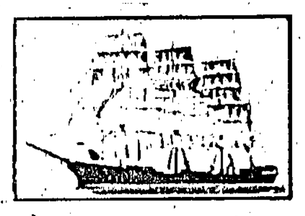
One such refugee was Billy Barton, who took shelter in Ballarat till he received word that he could return to his ship:—

"Billy, however, had caught the gold fever, and made up his mind to stay on the goldfields. He stated that he had a fairly good run of luck, and, as was the usual way with miners in those days, after having good luck, they went down to Melbourne to have 'a good time,' as they called it.

Buying The Dress Circle.

"During Billy Barton's first stay in Melbourne he reckoned that he got through nearly a thousand pounds in less than a month. It happened that Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale, paid a visit to Melbourne, and Billy went to a theatrical agent and booked a seat in the dress circle. When the house was full, Billy marched to his seat in his miner's rig-out, the old slouch hat, moleskin trousers, coarse chequered coat, and hobnail boots all covered with clay just as he left the mine.

"There was quite a commotion when Billy sat down amongst some of the most fashionable people in



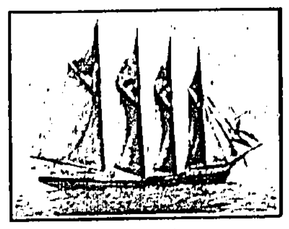
Melbourne, who were all in evening clothes. The manager of the theatre appeared on the scene and tried to persuade Billy to leave the circle, but he stoutly refused stating that he had paid for his seat and there he was to remain. To get even with the theatre-going people he went to the theatrical agent next day and bought the whole dress circle out for £350, and sat there by himself in his mining rig out."

The Lunatic Keeper.

Another shipmate of Captain Mason's was Macpherson, the Scot, a fine sailor but a hard drinker, a master of wangling and artful dodging. Macpherson, while in Sydney, replied to an advertisement for two keepers to take charge of a lunatic who was being sent back to England, and he got the job for fifty pounds. During the voyage Mac made a special study of his charge's actions for future use. "The man was quite harmless, but he had a mania for fishing; he would sit on the top of a deck-house for hours with a broom-handle for a fishing-rod, a piece of spun-yarn and an old rusty nail for fishing tackle."

Mac's fifty pounds did not last long, and he had to work his way back to Australia:—

"He managed to get a pier-head jump at Gravesend in a barque bound for Sydney. On the passage out, when near Australia, Mac started the insane dodge, and started fishing in the same manner as the lunatic who was under his charge on the passage to England. Sometimes he would be at the wheel and call out to be relieved as he had to go and fish. As soon as he got relieved he would get on the forward deck-house and sit with his legs dangling over the side of it, with his



broom-handle and string, with a rusty nail for a hook.

"The captain of the vessel apparently became very anxious, as it meant the man would have to be sent to England, which would be a heavy expense on the ship. Mac did not fish every day, as that was a part of the game he was working. On the day before arrival, the captain (who was a young man newly promoted) asked him if he would like to go fishing after arrival in Sydney. Mac said he would, as he was a born fisherman.

Good Fishing.

"On the day after arrival in Sydney the captain sent for Mac and asked him if that was one of his fishing days. 'No' said Mac, 'but I feel it coming on me again. I expect I shall be fishing tomorrow again.' 'Come to the shipping office,' said the captain, who was glad of the chance to get rid of him before he took one of his peculiar turns. As it was very unusual for captains to pay off sailormen at that season of the year when wages were very high, there was just a possibility of the shipping master getting suspicious.

"The captain had to caution Mac in case any questions were asked by any of the officials. Mac was paid off in due course before a junior clerk who asked no questions. About a week or so afterwards the captain met Mac and asked how the fishing was getting on. 'Oh, I'm no fishing the noo; I did good fishing when I fished the money due me, and my discharge; that was verra good fishing, captain,' was the reply."

A Heavy Sea.

On passenger ships the holystoning of deck was generally done during the night when none of the passengers was about. It was a strenuous and ungrateful task which the seamen were always glad to escape by hook or by crook:—

"The holystones are fixed in iron frames with a handle about five feet long, and are pushed backwards and forwards over the deck, which has been sanded beforehand. One bright moonlight night we were running before a heavy sea and shipping large quantities of water at times, and about ten o'clock a big sea came over where the men were holystoning. Every man dropped his stone when he saw the big greybeard was to tumble on the top of him and made a race for the alleyway.

"As soon as the deck was clear of water some of them rushed along and threw holystones, buckets, and brooms all over the side. The bos'n, who was forward at the time the big sea came over, came aft and found all the men standing in the alleyway. 'What's the matter?' said he. 'Holystones all washed over the side,' said one man. Another said that he was nearly washed overboard, and was half-way out between the rails.

HONGKONG MEMORIALS.

In memory of the Chinese in the service of the British Government who died through enemy action during the Great War, the above memorial stands at the head of the steps in the Botanic Gardens. It was erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission.

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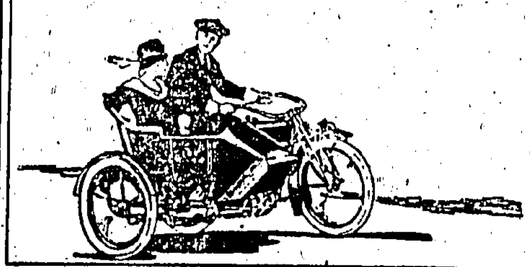

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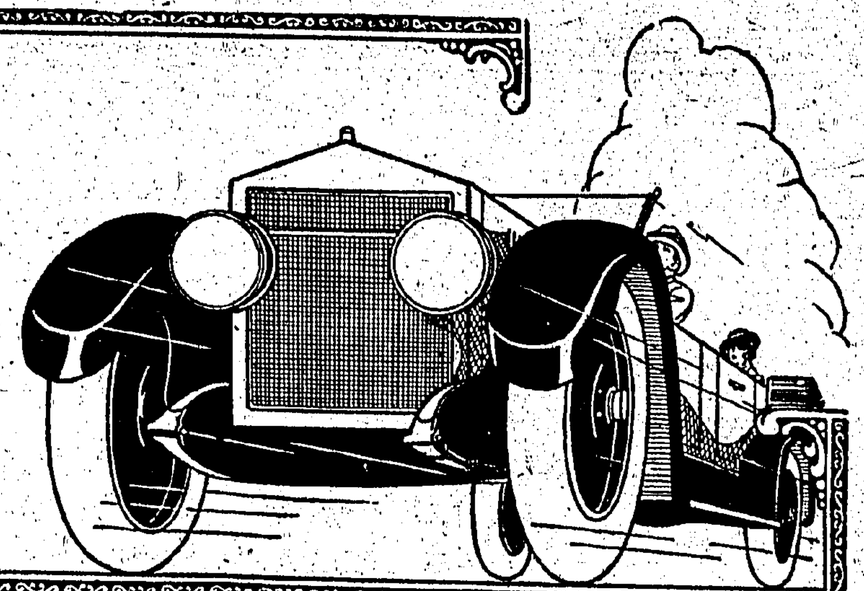

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CURRENT COMMENT

H.K.A.A. Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Automobile Association which was held on Tuesday last, revealed the Association's affairs to be in a most satisfactory state. Mr. P. M. Hodgson, the retiring President, lucidly reviewed last year's activities, and made a strong appeal for every private car owner to join the Association. He also announced that it is proposed to erect a bathing pavilion close to Castle Peak, which will be for the use of members. This facility will be greatly appreciated during the hot weather, when bathing parties are the vogue. The structure will be most substantial, and should prove a most popular rendezvous for those who claim membership of the Automobile Association.

The Badge.

The fact that all members do not carry the Association's badge on their cars was also commented on by Mr. Hodgson, it being pointed out that the patrols are instructed to pay particular attention to cars on which the sign of membership appears. It is to be hoped that carrying the badge will become general amongst members, although we notice from the balance sheet that only a limited number remain in stock at the H.K.A.A. Office. Perhaps this little piece of information will cause early applications to be made.

New Members.

Since publishing the last list, the following motorists have joined the Hongkong Automobile Association:—

Miss Pamela Scott Harston.
Miss V. V. N. Gill.
Dr. M. Nicholson.
Prof. W. Brown.
Shou J. Chen.
J. S. Scott.
F. A. Perry.
H. R. Lennox.
E. Davidson.
E. Grossman.
Mok Hing Wing.
O. A. Smith.
A. Reinshagen.
C. E. Tavares.
T. B. Wilson.
H. el Areulli.
E. W. Blackmore.

New Regulation.

A new local Traffic Regulation which will come into force on July 1st, 1929 will render it necessary for all left-hand drive vehicles to be equipped with a mechanical signalling device to the satisfaction of the Captain Superintendent of Police. It has long been realised that the driver of a left-hand drive vehicle finds it most difficult to give an intelligent signal to the following traffic, owing to his position on the left of the car, and some owners have actually had mechanical devices fitted in order to render it easier to make known what particular action is going to be taken. It will be generally agreed that a Regulation dealing with the matter is needed.

A Suitable Device.

Messrs. Butler and Son, of Manchester, England, have brought out an excellent signalling device, which would appear to solve the problem referred to above. Known as the "B. and S. Everyway Indicator" it consists of an aluminium arrow with red celluloid windows illuminated when in signalling position only, by an electric bulb inside. It is operated with a dial like movement and is capable of indicating every direction to the front and all necessary directions to the rear. It is controlled by a single lever in a convenient position inside the car. The movement of the lever and the arrow are synchronised, so that the motorist does not need to look where the arrow is pointing. These are most popular at Home, and have in fact, become the standard indicator. We understand that the Republic Motor Co. will be receiving a small shipment in the near future.

Bad Stopping Place.

Near the Wanchai Market, Queen's Road, a stopping place has been provided for motor buses at a most inconvenient spot. The road curves at this particular locality, with the result that whenever a bus stops, following vehicles are invariably compelled to do likewise. This cause of obstruction would be removed if the post were removed a few yards in the direction of the Naval Monument, where the road is much wider.

Unwise Practice.

During the recent fog, a car was observed ascending the Peak with all lights out. Headlights may not be helpful in foggy conditions, but it is most unwise to drive without even showing side or rear lights. In any case it is contrary to the law. Imagine what might happen if two unlighted vehicles met!

Colony's Best Road.

Very few motorists take the old round-the-Island route from Repulse Bay back via Deepwater Bay, Aberdeen, Dairy Farm Hill, Pokfulam, and past the University, and yet this particular stretch is without doubt the finest road in the Colony, in fact, we heard a motorist who only arrived in the Colony recently express the opinion that it is the finest road he has driven on, even taking English roads into consideration. It certainly is an example of what a good road should be, and although it has been laid for a number of years now, there appears to be no sign of it breaking up. There was a good deal of grumbling when the work was in progress, mainly owing to the fact that only one half could be used while the other half was being laid, and the process appeared to be an unduly long one, but the time involved, was more than justified in the splendid road we have to-day. The pity is that the whole Island route is not of the same quality of this earlier made road.

Parking.

The present method of parking in the Statue Square is most unsatisfactory, the greatest difficulty frequently being experienced when desiring to drive a car away, owing to other vehicles at the front and rear preventing a straight drive away. The end to end system should be changed, and cars parked side by side. There are times when much delay is occasioned, which fact influences many people against this parking location.

Mid-Level Roads.

It is freely rumoured that very extensive improvements will shortly be carried out on various Mid-Level Districts, the present roads being widened where necessary in order to allow motor traffic. It is easy to visualise the benefit which would be conferred on residents living in the vicinity of Magazine Gap, for example, were it possible to drive down town via Plantation, May and Bowen Roads, and we understand that certain parts of these thoroughfares, at least, will become motor roads. While such work is in hand, it should not be a difficult matter to connect Conduit Road to this new series of Peak motor routes. The whole district is well populated, and residents along the new routes will be most grateful when the various works are completed.

More Buses.

The China Bus Company, which operates one of the main bus services in Kowloon, has again increased its number of vehicles by the arrival of another shipment of Thornycroft buses. Kowloon is certainly progressing in the matter of modern travelling facilities by leaps and bounds, and it is most satisfactory to know that the development of the Peninsula's bus services is proceeding along lines which assure residents of thoroughly efficient and comfortable transportation.

Traffic Lights.

If traffic signalling lights are to be really effective, they must be distinct, and lighting of the stop and go signal at the foot of Garden Road, is about the best example of ineffective lighting we can think of. It is practically impossible for the driver of a car to read the signal until almost under it, and a better system is urgently needed. So bad is the present lighting, that it is not unusual to see a motorist proceeding in a westerly direction, pull up half way across the foot of Garden Road, in which cases, the constable usually gives a hand signal to proceed, doubtless appreciating the fact that the sign cannot be read. We believe that an excellent system has been adopted in certain parts of the United States and Canada, whereby red lights are set into the road itself, and actually raised a few inches above the surface right in front of traffic. Although this at first sounds in the nature of obstruction, such is not at all the case, because there is ample room for any car to pass over the lights. Such a system is said to be absolutely definite in the instruction imparted. It might well be adopted at the foot of Garden Road.

A.A. ASSISTANCE.

A Friend in Need.

Through the breakdown of an electric crane at Ostend at a time when the Continental touring season was at its height, a number of British motorists were obliged to remain in Ostend over night as their cars could not be off-loaded until the following morning.

The sequel to this is now announced by the Automobile Association who, with the aid of their Ostend Representative, were able to recover from one of the Belgian Government Departments a monetary recompense equivalent to the return freight charge on the cars in the case of each A.A. member concerned in the incident.

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ACCIDENT CAUSES.

Interesting List.

Kansas City, Dec. 27.

A study of the auto accidents in Missouri in a recent month revealed the following interesting list:

There were 1219 accidents. Ten of these were caused by cars with no drivers; 33 were cars driven by intoxicated drivers; 47 were caused through losing control of the car; defective brakes caused 10; tyre blowouts, 11; skidding, 29; 15 were caused by "the other fellow," who forced them into ditches; 19 were caused by trying to pass another car; 15 resulted from drivers falling asleep at the wheel.

The unusual accidents resulted from one driver being struck by an airplane and another being stung by a bee.

FIAT SUCCESSES.

Wins San Remo Event.

First to arrive in the San Remo rally, a touring competition in which the participants set out from distant points for this Italian seaside resort, was Major Urdareanu, of the Roumanian Royal Guards, who drove a 520 model Fiat from Bucharest over the rain-sodden roads of Hungary and Austria. The noted actress, Miss Mimi Aylmer, took first prize in the speed contest with a six cylinder Fiat 520, and another attraction at the San Remo gathering was the presentation of a complete series of 1929 model Fiats under the control of the famous veteran race driver Felice Nazzaro.

Out of the eleven Fiat cars entered the Concours d'Elegance at Ferrara, Italy, eight of them won first prizes in their respective classes, while the remaining three were awarded second prizes. The event united all the leading Italian and American makes.

At Turin, where a Concours d'Elegance was held in the presence of the Duke of Genoa and the Duke of Ancona, first prizes for stock cars were won by Fiats in three out of the four classes provided. In addition to the Royal Automobile Club gold medal for the best group of cars with standard bodies three gold shields were captured by Fiats in face of Italian, French and American competition.

The only Fiat entered in the Dutch East Indies motor bus competition secured first prize after a magnificent run in which only two points were lost. The second prize was awarded to a Chrysler. The route selected was unusually difficult and competition was keen.

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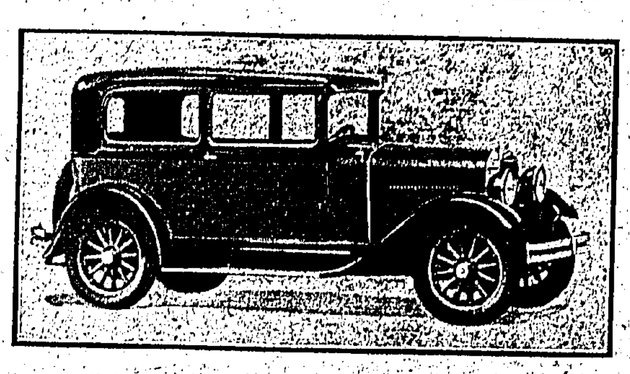

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TWO-SPEED CARS NEXT?

A Suggestion with Multi-cylinder Engines of High Power.

Long and bitter has been the battle of work waged between the protagonists of the three-speed and four-speed types of gearbox, so that it seems almost suicidal for the writer to leap into the fray with the suggestion that, for the average lazy motorist, given an engine with six or more cylinders rated at 18 h.p. or so, 99 per cent. of the mileage can be accomplished using two speeds only. These limitations should be remembered before criticising the arguments which follow; the writer is not referring to the sporting motorist who likes gear changing, or to the small four-cylinder car on which at least three forward speeds must ordinarily be used. It is on the large chassis with a smooth, flexible engine, developing a high torque at low speeds, that the lazy driver finds that a wide range of ratios has become unnecessary.

The average man will not change gear if he can avoid it, and with a big flexible engine it is surprising how much can be accomplished on a back-axle ratio of about 5 to 1 without using the gear lever. Most cars of this type, for example, can quite readily be driven over long main-road journeys, such as from London to Carlisle, or from London to Southampton, without touching the gear lever from start to finish.

Indeed, if a three-speed gearbox be fitted, it will usually be found that from 15 m.p.h. or so upwards, the acceleration on second gear is not appreciably better than that obtainable on top gear. Similar remarks apply to getting away from a standstill; with the modern highly efficient and smooth single-plate clutch a car of this type will move off perfectly easily in second gear, even up-hill, and the time taken to reach 20 m.p.h. by this method will be found practically identical with the time which is required if the driver starts in bottom gear and change up to second.

This is partly because the gain in tractive effort obtained by using a lower ratio is offset by mechanical losses and by the increased power necessary to accelerate the moving parts of the engine. Again, changing from one gear to another necessarily occupies a second or two.

Then as regards hill-climbing, if the middle ratio of a three-speed box is about 8 to 1, then on a powerful car it is seldom that a lower ratio will be needed. On one which the writer has in mind, a hill as steep as one in seven can be climbed steadily with this 8-to-1 ratio, and steeper gradients are seldom encountered, except by those who live in very hilly districts.

An Emergency Bottom Gear.

It is, of course, admitted that there must be an emergency bottom gear for occasional use when getting away from a standstill on a particularly severe slope, or for climbing an extremely steep road such as may be encountered in Devonshire. In other words, for the powerful multi-cylinder car the writer would like to see a re-organized type of gearbox with a direct drive on top, a particularly easy change down to a dead silent second gear and with emergency first-speed and reverse-speed gears, it being understood that in the normal course of driving it would be necessary to employ only the top and second-speed ratios.

There are many ways in which such a gearbox could be designed. For example, internal gears could be used to give silent running for the second speed, selected by an easily manipulated dog clutch on a plan similar to that employed for the Graham-Paige gearbox. Alternatively, an epicycle gear could easily be arranged to give the top and second speed ratios without complications and with only one brake band. In either case a short layshaft carrying ordinary spur gears could be incorported which be employed only occasionally for the emergency bottom gear ratio and for reverse.

General improvement to the roads provide a further argument in favour of these plans for the large and powerful type of car, because, generally speaking, much higher average speeds can now be kept up owing to the re-grading of hills, the straightening of corners and similar alterations.

Some rearrangement of our views concerning gearboxes is obviously called for when the specifications of modern cars are closely examined. Any impartial investigator, for example, must be surprised to find that on nearly all low-powered four-cylinder cars, where the engine really needs the assistance of a number of gear ratios, only three are provided, and, indeed, in one popular small car two speeds are considered sufficient. At the other end of the scale big cars with six or more cylinders are to be noted, with transmissions providing four forward ratios, two of which, the writer makes bold to claim, are scarcely ever needed.

LIGHT CAR RECORD.

Perth to Sydney in 196½ Hours.

TRIUMPH'S ACHIEVEMENT.

Against every conceivable obstacle Mr. P. W. Armstrong recently drove his standard Triumph Super Seven roadster from Perth to Sydney in record time. The Triumph finished in perfect condition.

Torrid heat, blistering sand storms, innumerable punctures, obliterated tracks, torrential rains, floods, mud, cold and 80 m.p.h. cyclones! All these the Triumph had to fight against. In all Mr. Armstrong's wide experience—he is 65 and has crossed Australia four times—he has never encountered such a run of bad luck. Yet against it all his Triumph battled through to brilliant success.

The party left Perth at 2 a.m Sunday, September 30. The first 24 hours took them 589 miles to Balladonia. There they had to take enough petrol to last them the 579 miles to Fowler's Bay S.A. It was during this critical stage that they lost their way through sand storms erasing the track. An aborigine was approached to guide them, but as they would not take his "lubra" he refused on the score that someone would run off with her during his absence!

Then punctures harassed them, one after another, enough to make any one despair. During one day they mended no fewer than 17. All this ate up their time which meant extra speed to keep near their schedule.

Between Fowler's Bay and Penong, the Port Lincoln railhead, they got lost so often that 22 hours were wasted. In one place they held council to decide on the track. On they went and five hours later they ran into—the exact spot they debated in!

Adelaide, 1,748 miles, was reached at 10 p.m. on Thursday October 4. After a 4-hour rest they proceeded. Just prior to entering the infamous Coorong desert a cloud burst flooded the country making the going so boggy as to be almost impossible. Only the veteran "P. W.'s" grit and the unbelievable power and endurance of the Triumph won them through. Mount Gambier saw them still rushing into driving torrents. So much rain fell that the roads were not discernible, and to escape a sudden plunge into some hidden river they 'phoned to Casterton for a guide. The guide arrived, but though he knew the country like a book he too, got astray. Experienced men of the district said it was impossible to get through; but P. W. Armstrong had other ideas. He knew his Triumph and he had confidence in himself. After a terrific struggle they reached Casterton.

The run to Melbourne, though not by any means pleasant, was uneventful. They arrived at 4.35 p.m., Saturday, October 6. A hot bath, a good meal and four hours rest put the pair in sound heart, and the drive to Sydney was continued.

It was their misfortune then to strike the cyclone which swept Victoria over the week-end. Into the teeth of the 80 m.p.h. hurricane they charged. For 12 hours they fought it and won through to Albury. During this run they had to detour on occasions, to get around trees uprooted by the storm and flung across the road.

At 8.30 a.m. on Monday, October 8, the great test ended. Sydney was reached after 196½ hours of the most appalling conditions. The Triumph was in perfect order, the drivers though fatigued to exhaustion were feeling well.

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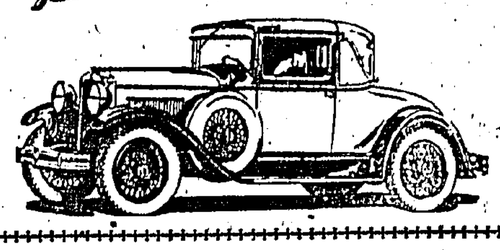

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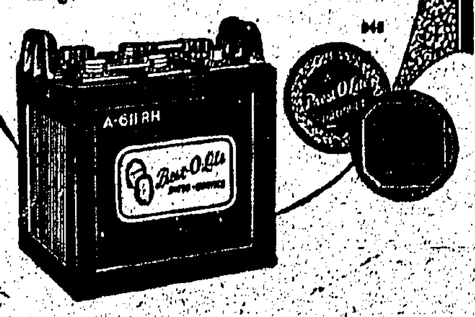

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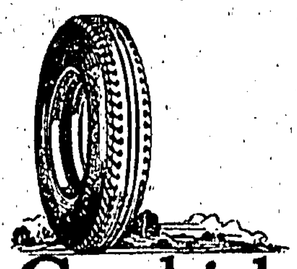

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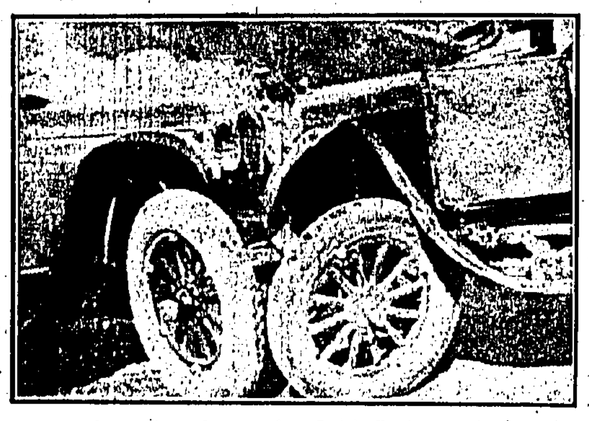

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"INVISIBLE DEATH" IN THE U.S.

The Danger from Exhaust Gas.

Before the danger season has even arrived, reports have come from all parts of the United States of the death of motorists from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Thus again, despite repeated warnings, "invisible death" takes its toll. Not only is this death invisible, it is odorless, tasteless, colourless and swift in its destruction.

Investigations made in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and other cities where traffic is congested show that little of this gas is needed to cause poisoning. A day's exposure to the fumes that reek from the exhausts of innumerable motors in heavy traffic may be just as fatal as the foolish practice of working on a running motor in a closed garage. The difference is that the former is more protracted.

Recently the Chicago department of health investigated the amount of carbon monoxide found in that city's streets. Nearly 700 samples of the air were collected at various parts of the city. These showed that while only one-seventh of the total amount collected contained more than one-half part of the deadly gas in 10,000 parts of air, one-third of the samples from boulevards contained the same amount. And in the Chicago "loop" this proportion was even higher.

Slight Proportion is Dangerous.

It takes only two parts of carbon monoxide in 10,000 parts of air—a slight proportion in itself—to cause dangerous symptoms, according to health authorities. Yet in crowded traffic when cars must creep along at 10 miles an hour and close together, the concentration of carbon monoxide in air becomes even greater than this.

With the approach of winter, heaters are being installed in closed cars. Many of these are of the type that draw in fresh air through a funnel behind the radiator fan. This air is highly poisonous when the car is close behind another, and this danger is increased when the exhaust fumes of the car ahead are drawn into an enclosed body.

Because of this danger, traffic and health authorities advise motorists to keep about 20 to 30 feet clearance between cars when traffic is slow and congested. At the same time the heaters should be kept closed in order to avoid an intake of the poisonous fumes ahead.

Fumes From Idling Motors.

When there is a hold-up of even a minute the motor should be shut off. When a motor is idling it is even more dangerous than when it is running at a good speed and pulling the car. For at idling speed not all the fuel is burned, with the result that a greater proportion of carbon monoxide is released through the exhaust.

Riding in heavy traffic, with its dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning, is especially dangerous to growing children. Their failure to gain, their lack of appetite, poor colour, flabbiness and susceptibility to disease may be attributed to their intake of fumes from being driven about in close traffic.

Poorly adjusted carburetors, like idling motors, cause an undue amount of poisonous gas to leave the exhaust. It is therefore important that the carburetor be adjusted to the point at which it will furnish most complete combustion rather than the greatest power, could very well be sacrificed to health and life.

The symptoms of chronic carbon monoxide poisoning are a feeling of tiredness, headache, nausea, palpitation of the heart and mental dullness. When this sort of poisoning becomes acute the symptoms start with yawning and sleepiness and range on to tiredness, feeling of tight skin across the forehead, a frontal headache changing to one at the base of the skull, dizzeness, lassitude, sick stomach and finally unconsciousness.

It is possible that some of the mysterious highway accidents, apparently due to the drivers' falling asleep at the wheel or being accused of intoxication, have actually been caused by carbon monoxide poisoning.

Poisoning of this sort is more insidious in the garage where the victim is exerting himself in some way—by working on the car—so breathing more deeply parts of the exhaust poison to 10,000 parts of fresh air.

In a closed garage, aided by deep breathing of the active victim, this death comes quickly and unwarned.

Rules for Prevention.

Prevention is simple. First, no motor should be run in an enclosed garage, no matter how cold it may be outside.

Even with the car outside, never get under it with the motor running. That's getting too close to death, before it has a chance to become diffused.

Moors should not be raced. That's good advice not only for the benefit of the motorist, but for the longer life of the motor.

Carburetors should be adjusted for most complete combustion rather than for pick-up and power.

Motors should not idle when stops over a minute long are made.

Radiator fan type heaters should be kept closed while driving slowing in heavy traffic.

Don't use the choke any more than you have to, out of consideration for the fellow behind.

Finally, to be altogether safe, keep out of traffic jams.

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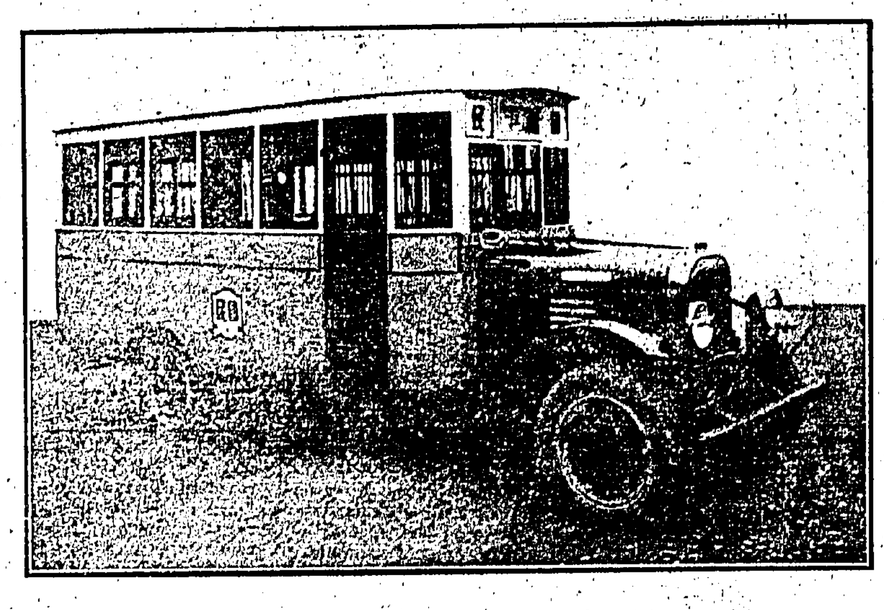

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OUGHT DIPPING TO BE COMPULSORY?

Hastening the End of Dazzle Era.

[By Capt. E. de Normanville in the *Daily Chronicle.*]

Motorists are already so fully encompassed with rules and regulations that one hesitates to suggest another. Yet I am wondering whether the time is not nearly ripe for a definite law in regard to the dazzle problem.

At present we have a large number of cars equipped with some form of anti-dazzle apparatus. And we have an equally large number not so equipped.

This is only natural to the transition period. Should authority step in to hurry forward the end of the transition period?

Personally, I am disposed to answer "Yes"—assuming (if the assumption is not futile) that Officialdom would handle the situation with reasonable intelligence.

Dip.

The way to do so would be to fix a date a reasonable period ahead by which all vehicles using headlamps would have to have them equipped with anti-dazzle apparatus of approved principle, and use the apparatus when meeting other traffic.

I think an anti-dazzle lamp, to give the light we are accustomed to in this country, impossible of achievement.

But by deflecting and dipping the beam or beams to the near side of the road we have a proven method which goes a very long way towards eliminating the dazzle danger, and the cost is very little.

Would it not be reasonable, therefore, for the law to step in and say that (for example) by January 1, 1930, all headlamps had to be equipped with some such apparatus, and compel everyone to use it?

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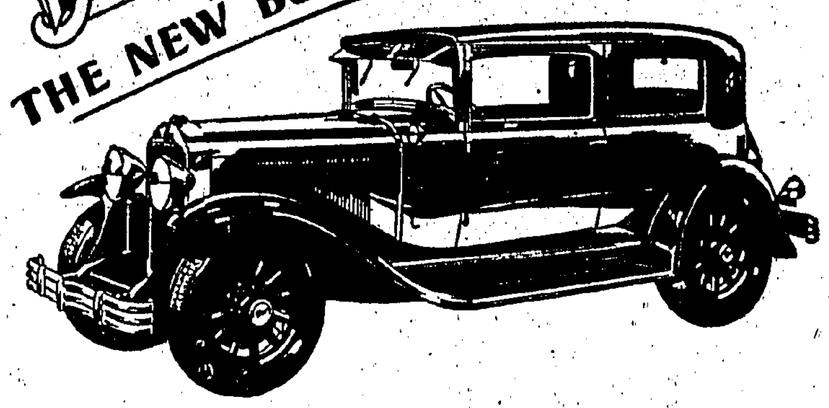

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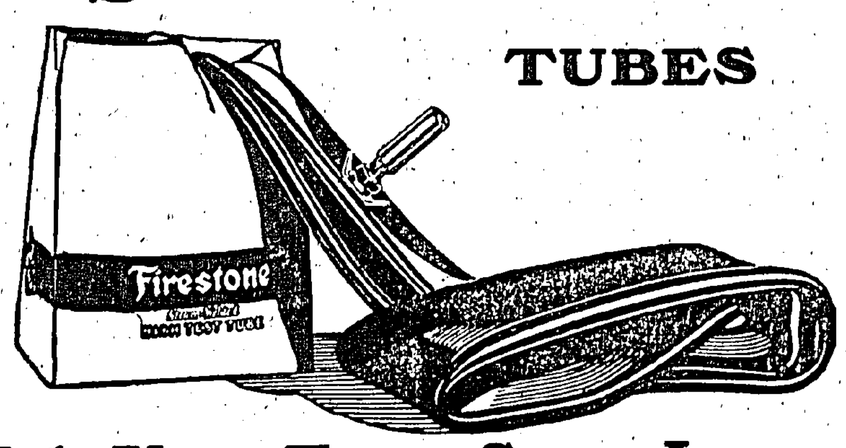

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This remarkable increase is due, of course, not merely to the gradual predominance of the British machine over the products of other countries and to an increase in the world demand for motor-cycles, but also to the remarkable value offered by "Matchless" since the famous Black and White tanks were adopted.

AIR WARFARE.

A New Fighting Machine.

Details of the first high-powered monoplane fighting machine to be built in Britain have just been released by the Air Ministry.

The new air fighter is known as the Westland Rolls-fighting and bombing plane.

Driven by a single 480 h.p. Rolls-Royce engine, it can maintain a speed of 190 m.p.h. in the rarefied air two miles above earth level.

It carries two machine guns firing through the propeller, and in addition has a load of light bombs.

A.A. AT DOVER.

Shipment of Cars Abroad.

The Automobile Association announces the opening of a new Port Office on the Station at Dover, fully equipped to deal with all matters connected with the shipment of motor vehicles.

The introduction of Dover to the list is the last link in a chain of A.A. Port Offices extending round the coast, embracing all the principal Continental services utilised for the conveyance of motor vehicles.

THORNYCROFT LAUNCHES.

Coastal Boats for Finland.

The second of the 55 ft. Coastal Motor Boats constructed by John I. Thornycroft and Co., Ltd., for the Finnish Government has successfully completed her official trials, attaining speeds of over 39 knots.

This type of boat developed by Thornycrofts during the war did excellent service in the Zeebrugge raid and Dover patrols, and has since been improved to carry an armament of Lewis guns and anti-submarine depth charges in addition to a pair of 18-in. torpedoes.

Thornycrofts have now supplied similar boats to Sweden, Holland, France, Yugoslavia, U.S.A., Siam and Japan.

HILLMAN PROGRESS.

A Progressive Concert.

As a mark of Hillman progress it is interesting to note that four years ago, from a production point of view, the Hillman company was about 30th of British motor manufacturers. This year's sales have placed them within the first half-dozen!

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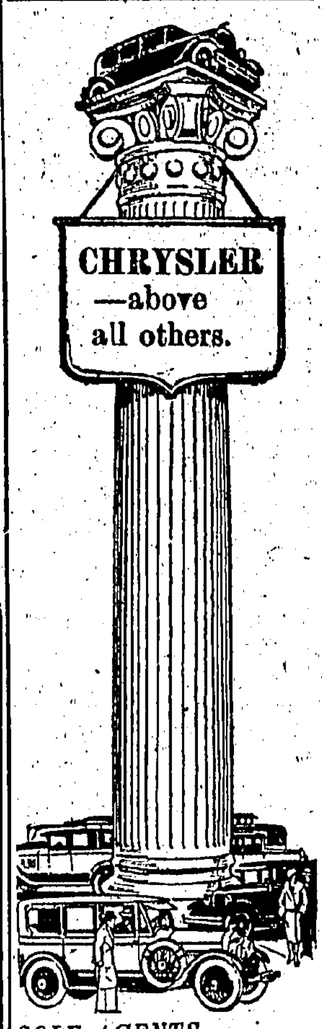

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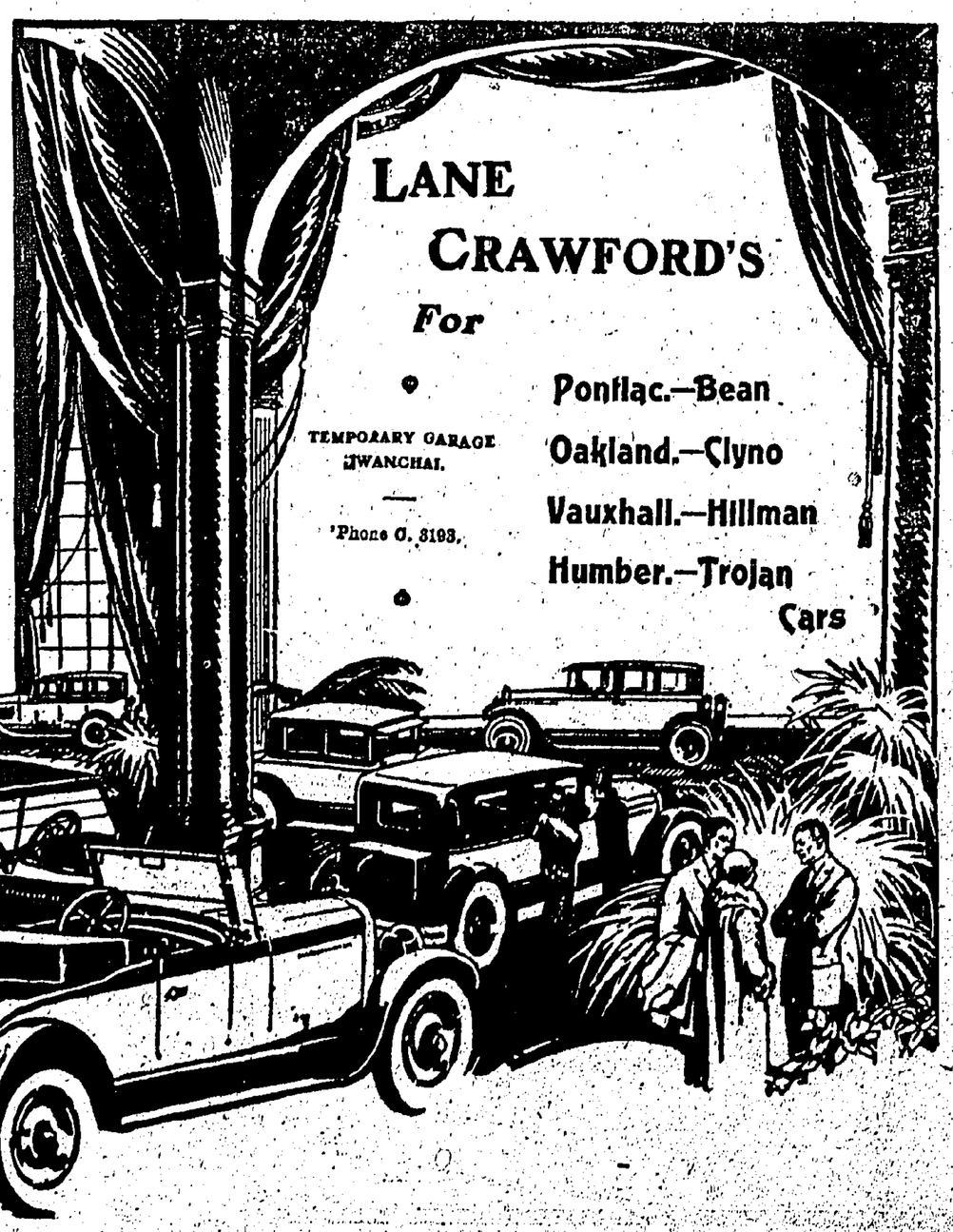

AMERICAN COMPETITION DURING 1928.

A Review of the Activities of Leading Makers.

GIANT MERGERS RECORDED.

[Special Report to the *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

The year 1928 will be known in future history as the merger year in the automobile industry.

Yet, outstanding as this development is, it isn't alone in importance among the achievements of this great field. For close behind come such significant factors of 1928 as:

1. A new high record in automotive production.

2. The new Chevrolet six, marking the departure of General Motors from the four-cylinder field.

3. Return of Ford to mass production.

Introduction of at least three new cars and promise of more by the first of the year.

Decline of the Smaller Car.

5. Tendency of small cars to become larger.

6. Great expansion of the export trade.

7. Introduction of an eight-cylinder automobile in the price field below $1,000.

8. Use of high-grade features in low-price cars.

9. Innovation of a radically new type of body by Buick.

10. Appointment of a "czar" for the rubber industry.

Besides these developments that mark 1928 as an important year in automotive industry, there are other factors only second in importance to them. For example, we might remember that Nash introduced his "400" series and dual ignition, that Dodge dropped the four for the six, that Duesenberg came out with a brand-new straight eight of 265 horsepower, that Velie definitely went over to aviation, that Auburn brought out a six below the $1,000 mark and that another European automobile, the Lancia, came over for American production to keep the Rolls-Royce company.

1926 No More Record Year.

As a result of all this 1928 will be remembered as the record year of all, even surpassing 1926 in all its glory.

In 1926, production took the high peak of more than 4,500,000 passenger cars and trucks. But this year's production up to Dec. 1 passes the mark set in the first 11 months of 1926 and needs a production of less than 140,000 cars to pass the full previous record. This is certain, for Chevrolet alone is going full blast at a rate of production exceeding 5,000 a day.

The new Chevrolet marks a turning point in automotive history. It puts General Motors, greatest producer of automobiles in the world.

The narrowing of the four-cylinder field by so great a margin as Chevrolet has left is even further threatened by the encroachment of the six into the price class of the four.

Despite this threat, however, Ford is steadily increasing his production. To an average demand of 7,000 of his cars a day, he has worked up his production until now he is putting out 6,500 a day and soon will pass the daily demand for his product. In order to break even, it is said, he has to produce and sell 5,000 Model A's daily.

Mergers Still Mystify.

Some authorities believe that it was Ford's and Chevrolet's mass production that forced the mergers we have witnessed in the past year. These may be traced partly to this, but many other perhaps more important factors led to merging of the large automotive firms.

The first great step in this direction was the merger of Chrysler and Dodge, involving perhaps half a billion dollars. Later on in the year came the wedding of Pierce-Arrow and Studebaker, and only lately we have heard of the merger of Hupmobile and Chandler.

Several parts manufacturers also have joined forces, while the two great trade organizations—Motor and Accessory Manufacturers' Association and the Automotive Equipment Association—now are one.

What all this means and what the mergers are leading to are questions that still puzzle independents in the automotive field. And it is yet too close to their consummation to make any sort of guess or prediction.

Despite these mergers, however, those still left out continue to show their independence by the introduction of new models of far more ambitious scope than has ever been shown before. Perhaps the most striking example is that of Marmon, which has just announced its intention to introduce early next spring a new eight-cylinder automobile, with all "modern improvements," for less than $1,000. The car is to be named the Roosevelt.

In addition, Reo has come out with the "Mate" to the "Flying Cloud," Auburn with a new six for $995, while we shall be introduced to at least two more entirely new automobiles at the New York show.

In the face of this two cars have dropped by the wayside in 1928. Velie discontinued automotive production for aviation, for which he has developed a motor that gives him greater promise than he had from his cars. Falcon-Knight is the short-lived product of Willys-Knight that has gone into the limbo of the past.

Make Room for Third Car.

Competition has grown particularly keen, yet the field has expanded considerably. Passenger car registration in the United States is expected to pass the 25,000,000 mark by Jan. 1, while motorists are making room for a third car in their garages. Of the 80 per cent. of American families that own automobiles, nearly 15 per cent. own two cars, while half of these make room for three.

The export field has opened up for the American manufacturer much more widely than ever. In 1927, shipments of automobiles and related parts abroad were valued at a total of $406,000,000. The first 10 months of 1928, however, surpass this full-year amount by more than $34,000,000.

With a monthly average of more than $44,000,000 in automotive exports for 1928, therefore, we may expect the year's total to approach a value of $530,000,000, which would be about 20 per cent. above the 1927 export trade.

One of the noticeable tendencies in automotive design was the radical departure Buick made from the conventional style of body, last summer. The rounded, wider type of body is still experimental. It is, however, established that automobile passengers need more room for their comfort and that the only way to afford this is to widen the body.

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Buick's innovation of the wider, rounded body is second to its more famous mechanical departure, when it introduced the four-wheel brakes. Perhaps others will follow this new trend as they did the earlier one.

And perhaps those who will make the first step toward this change will be the manufacturers of low-priced cars. For it is they who have succeeded in introducing nearly all the major improvements we saw heretofore only on the more costly products. Low price no longer bars one from the advantages of the air cleaner, fuel filter and oil strainer, the thermostatic control and many other refinements for easier and more comfortable driving. In fact, it includes such better factors as the movable front seat, the fuel pump, the one-button control, chromium plating, shatterproof glass and so on.

In the tyre industry, business has been just as remarkable as in the automotive field. But perhaps the most significant development for 1928 was the appointment of Lincoln C. Andrews, former federal prohibition commissioner, as "czar" of the rubber industry, and the formation under him of the American Rubber Institute.

This development rounds up a year of achievement that puts the automotive industry and its allied field of rubber far in the van of American manufacture.

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It's sad that the dullness,
The voidness and nullness
Of calendar makers has
brought this to pass;

They've sunk in my vision
To things of derision
Because we get only two days
at Xmas.

It's sad—I repeat it
And will not delete it—
That leap year is not under
better restraint;
Its method of leaping
Is scarcely in keeping
With Time's gentle creeping.
No! I'll say it ain't.

This leap is so spiteful—
For visions delightful
Of touring at Xmas—which
often we've known—
Are marred by just one day—
A humorless Monday—
Which fetters and shackles us
hard to the town.

So we who've been dreaming
Of far beaches creaming
With breakers; or hills; or the
far, rolling plains.
Will gaze with regrets
At our gas-eating pets—
Then lock up the garage and—
back to the chains.

But those whom good fortune
Frees, lock their front doors,
tune
Up and glide off wearing
smiles bright and glad;
While we—the poor wage
slugs—
Stay, feeling like caged bugs—
Ah! As I believe I remarked—
it IS sad.—(*Sydney Sun*).

ARROL-JOHNSTON.

A Scottish Car for the Duke.

His Grace the Duke of Montrose, C.B., C.V.O., who opened the Scottish Motor Show recently, has placed an order with The Arrol-Johnston & Aster Engineering Company, Ltd., Dumfries, for a 23/70 Arrol-Aster "Straight-Eight" Coachbuilt Saloon, with the famous single sleeve valve engine of revolutionary design.

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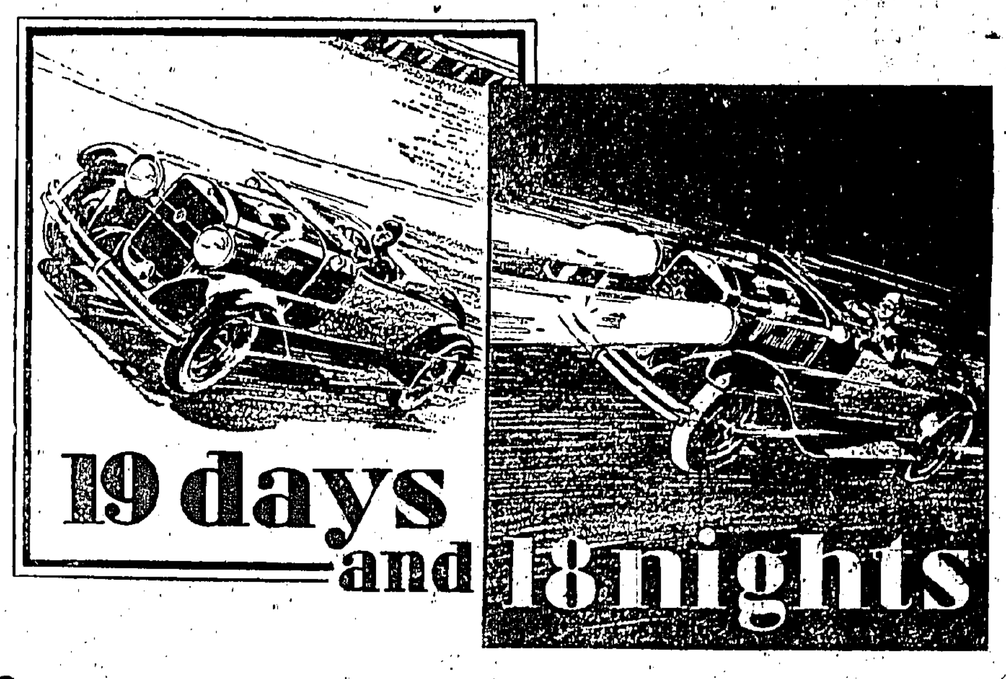

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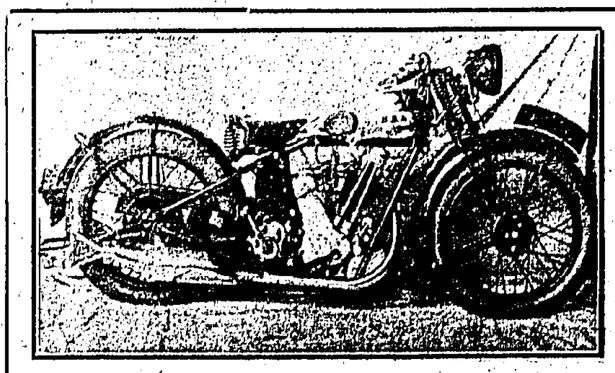

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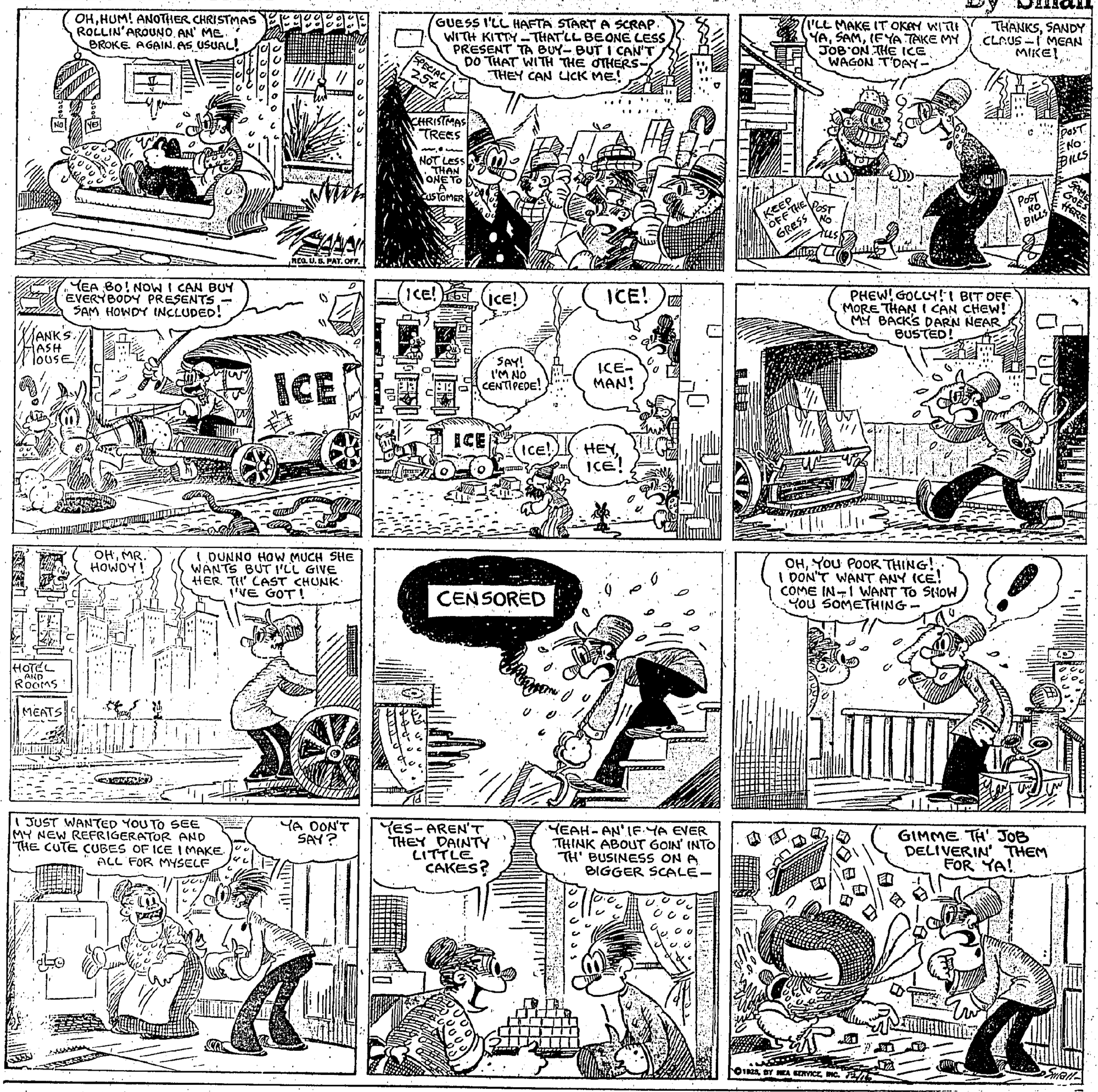

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Jackets Dominate the Mode

Hats and Skirts Now Take Their Cue From the Lines Of the Little Cocktail Coat

Black Galyack Fur Fashions Sleeves and Collar Of This Frock Of Black Kasha

A Tight Headband And Full Crown Distinguish This Hat of Black Felt With Inserts of Fur

All Costumes on This Page From Brach-Weiss, New York

Silver Sequins Glisten On a Rose-Pink Cocktail Jacket Complemented by A Graceful Matching Turban

A Wine Velvet Ensemble Trimmed With Natural Lynx Has an Egg-Shell Satin Blouse That Is Almost a Basque

Beaver Edges the Flaring Jacket Of This Trim Little Tweed Suit With Its Box-Pleated Skirt And Blouse of Hand-Woven Jersey

ONE of the outstanding phases of the winter mode is the tremendous influence the innocuous little cocktail jacket seems to have had on all kinds of attire.

Whether for wear with or without fur coats, the jacket idea pervades the realm of dressy daytime things.

Starting with a preference for the ensemble, the introduction of the little cocktail jacket made adamant the smart woman's ambition to have some kind of a little "topping" for every frock.

All this means, of course, that before much longer the separate jacket and skirt suit will be *The* thing for daytime wear.

Another development that is noticeable just now is hat trends. We really can't blame the cocktail jacket altogether because the large hat of summer, predicted as a winter favourite, has become slenderized into a turban, cloche, skull cap or some other type of swathed headgear, or a fancy hat with just a little brim cleverly manipulated.

The almost brimless chapeau is the smart one just now. Some women demand a brim to shade the eyes. There are dozens of different versions to satisfy varying whims.

The winter mode is more formal, richer and more lavishly trimmed than before. Furs touch up frocks, hats and ensembles. Rich lace adds its touch. And there is a premium on scintillating things after six p.m.

WITH colder days, what to wear under fur coats is the problem. Here we see the difference from last year's style and we also see exemplified the jacket influence.

There is a decided trend towards little frocks that incorporate the jacket theme or toward the tailleur, which illustrates it. And we see more concentrated interest in what happens to a costume from the waistline up. Chances are it will suggest, if not actually be, a jacket theme, if it is a daytime frock or ensemble.

One of the cleverest frocks for under-the-fur-coat-wear is the two-piece one at the upper left. It has a slip-on jumper made flaring to simulate a jacket and is fashioned of black kasha cloth, very fine and very soft so that it falls gracefully where fullness lies.

Its chief claims to distinction, aside from its unique cut, are sleeves of fur and a collar that looks like a fur throw. These are made of black galyack fur—that soft, pliable fur with swirling lights in it, and as svelt and smart as can be.

Fur sleeves are an oddity that promise greater popularity once their beauty is seen. These sleeves are smartly cut, with fitted uppers and a cuff that flares a little. They are set in just like fabric sleeves.

With this smart black dress a fine black felt turban uses galyack fur for a trim across its top, from ear to ear. This fur band is fuller on the top of the hat and is caught in front by a modernistic pin.

THE tweed frock for under-the-fur-coat-wear has become a jacket frock or a little jacket suit, in many instances.

The little tweed jacket suit at the lower left is tan with beaver trim.

Here we have one of the short, flaring jackets that promise a real vogue among women with slender figures next spring. The skirt of tan tweed has deep box pleats. The blouse is hand-woven fine jersey, shot with a glint of gold.

But it is the little flaring jacket of this suit that makes it so important. Here is the little jacket at its best—youthful, modish, comfortable.

Beaver gives it a flat edging around the bottom, up the front, around the neck and on the cuffs. Embroidered fabric is used instead of fur sometimes, to introduce a note of colour. But fur's richness makes it ideal winter trim.

The tan hat of felt worn with this outfit uses a bit of dark brown to give it a front bandeau and a side and back trim.

For afternoon, the little velvet ensemble at the upper right shows the importance of the separate blouse just now.

The costume is trimmed with lynx and the skirt of this wine velvet suit is slightly circular, giving gentle fullness. The coat has a shirred flounce and easy, full sleeves.

The egg-shell satin blouse is almost a basque, with little satin buttons fastening it where the fullness is shirred up and down the front. It has a charming V-effect achieved by a gold hand-cording which points from the centre up to the shoulders. The neckline is plain V. The sleeves have gold-corded cuffs, with tiny buttons fastening them tight to the wrist.

One of the sweetest things about this costume is the little matching felt hat with its very cute little egg-shell and gold feather fancy right in front.

As for the little cocktail jacket itself, the newest one is the scintillating, exquisite little one shown at the top centre. This is fashioned daintily on lines that sports lumber jacks have made famous.

This, in silver sequins on a rose pink background, is very smart as a top to a chiffon frock that shades from flesh to deep rose. A matching little turban makes a complete costume of gown, little jacket and cap. This is one of the season's popular evening ensembles.

AMONG the newest hats, the one with some individuality in cut and trim is at a premium. Fur is a choice thing for trim, provided it does not make the hat look heavy.

One very new hat is the little black felt at the left centre. This takes a tight headband, with a little bloused fullness in its crown, and then inserts fur in flat petal effects, to form a smart, down-over-the-ears effect.

The galyack fur is used with felt to make the little winter flower for this hat. It is a piece of fine workmanship of extreme delicacy and beauty.

This trim hat is typical of the mode, and if you follow closely the trend of the styles it is easy to see that the return to the jacket mode makes smaller hats necessary to stylish appearance.

There is something so svelt about a little jacket dress or suit that it calls insistently and naturally for a harmonizing sveltness in the hat to be worn with it.

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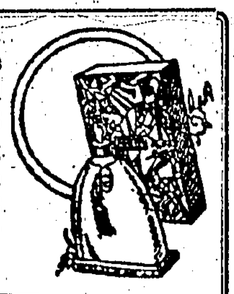

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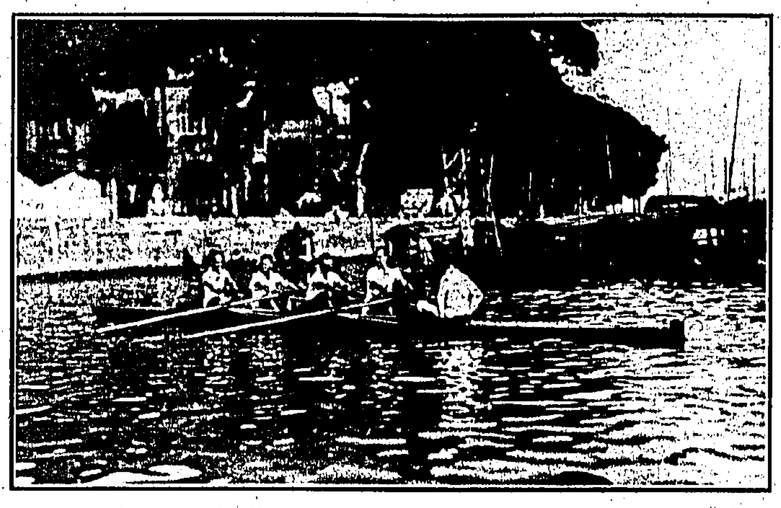
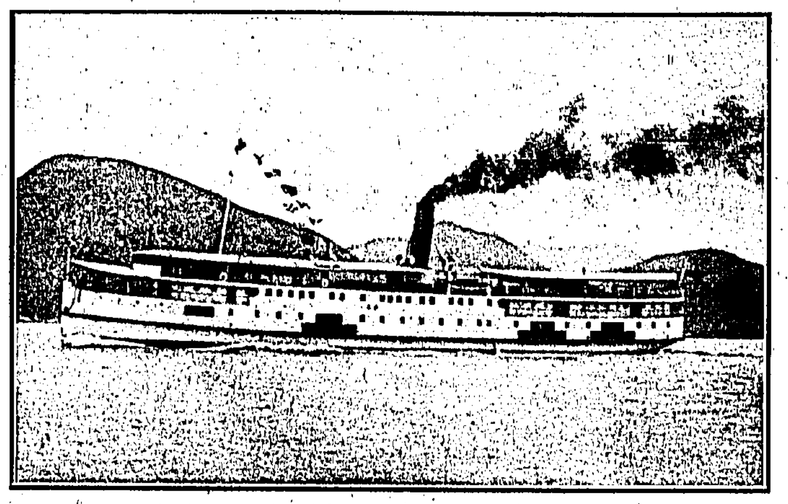


The Canton Senior Four which defeated Hongkong in the recent regatta. The crew consists of: O. Friessner (bow), W. Eckert (No. 2), J. H. Frolich (No. 3), R. Rasmussen (stroke), and W. Seiffert (cox).



The re-built s.s. Sui Tai looks a great deal different to the old boat, as the above photograph, taken on the official trials, shows. The boat is now on the Macao run.

The above photograph was taken at the conclusion of the England v. Portugal match at Happy Valley last Saturday, when England won the international trophy for the first time. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

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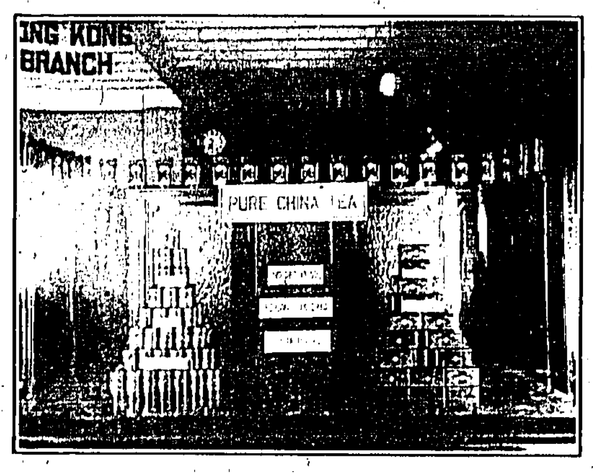

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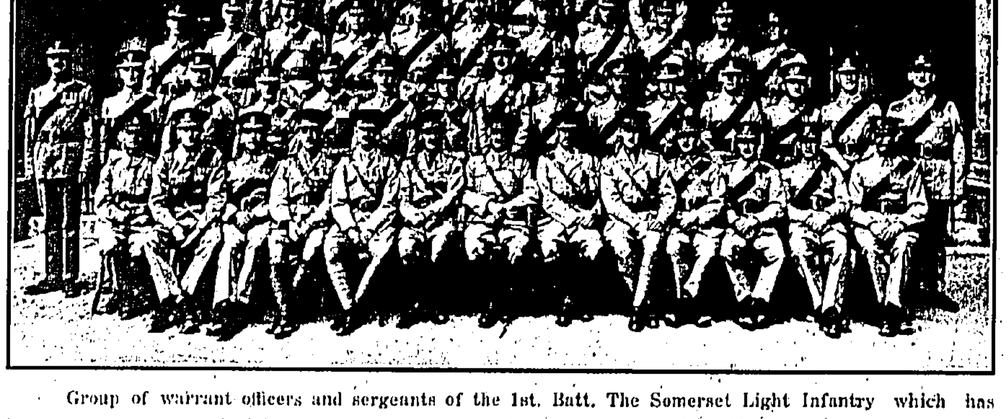
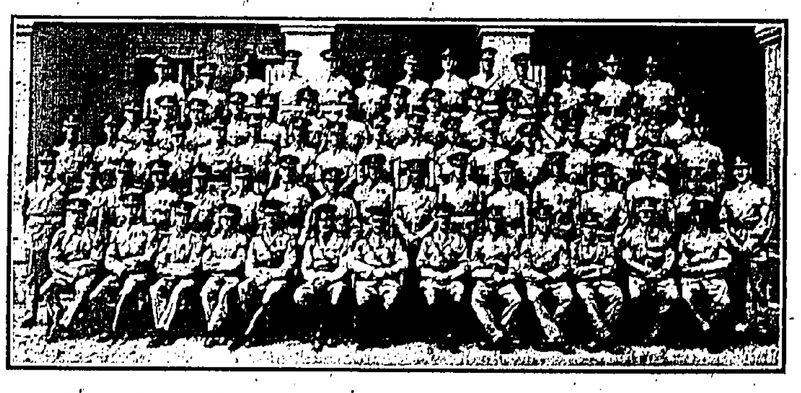


Group of warrant officers and sergeants of the 1st. Batt. The Somerset Light Infantry which has recently joined the garrison and which is now quartered at Shamshuipo.



Group photograph of the corporals of the 1st. Batt. The Somerset Light Infantry, now occupying the camp at Shamshuipo.

Flashlight photograph taken in the Hall of St. Joseph's College when the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga was entertained by the Old Boys' Association on the occasion of his appointment to the Legislative Council. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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The above photograph was taken at a rally of all the teams in the Open League Basket Ball Association, for 1929. Games are played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Monday and Thursdays. The teams, reading from left to right, are: University, South China A and B, Tutorial Institute, Ying Wah A and B, Officials of the League, Y.M.C.A., Chinese Athletic Association, Fukien Athletic Association, and Y.M.C.A. Night School. (Photo: A Fong).

THE "POPPY DAY" FUND.

HONGKONG CONTRIBUTES WELL OVER £1,700.

ACCOUNTS ISSUED.

The Committee of the British Legion have issued the report and accounts of the Poppy Day Sub-Committee of which Mr. W. D. Cornaby was Hon. Secretary and Mr. J. K. Shaw Hon. Treasurer.

The sum of $16,703.09 and £22. 0. 0 was received, and after the deduction of $106.60 for expenses, a balance of $16,866.49 remained, and for this amount a special rate was kindly given by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which together with the sterling donations makes a total of £1,747. 4. 5 and was remitted to the Headquarters of the Appeal in London.

Although this does not constitute a record, the result is highly satisfactory and shows that this Colony has not forgotten the sacrifice made by the men who fought for us during the Great War.

The large sum of $5,927.95 shown under the heading of Clubs and Associations represents the proceeds of auctions, etc. by various organisations to whom the Committee is most grate. ful. The sterling donation is mainly due to the generosity of one of the athletic Clubs.

The Hongkong Football Association gave its usual help by arranging a charity football match and the total proceeds were given without deducting any expenses. Unfortunately owing to inclement weather this function was not as successful as the previous year.

Prominent members of the community were circularised with a view to obtaining donations and a generous response resulted. It was particularly gratifying to receive contributions from Chinese residents whose help was highly appreciated.

The sale of poppies in the streets was most satisfactory, the amount of $5,738.77 being collected. The Committee take this opportunity of again thanking those ladies who so kindly assisted. Thanks are due to all who took part in the arduous duties of "shroffs" and also to the Secretary and Committee of the City Hall.

Armistice Day falling on a Sunday, collections were taken in the Churches of all denominations and brought in the useful addition of $827.97 to the funds. Special sermons were preached, the day being also known as Remembrance Sunday.

Following the practice inaugurated in 1927, poppies and collection boxes were placed on board ships which would be at sea on Armistice Day, with pleasing results.

Last, but by no means least, the Services contributed handsomely.

Turning to the expenditure, this has shown a considerable reduction on previous years, due to the fact that it was not necessary to purchase poppies. These were sent out from the British Legion workshops and the Committee records its thanks to the Glen Line who brought out the poppies without charge. Other items are not so heavy as before.

The thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. A. Ritchie who kindly audited the accounts.

Tenders are being invited for Barker Road improvements from Stubbs Road to Victoria Hospital. This work comprises the widening of the existing road, including erection of all retaining walls, extensions to culverts, cuttings and fillings and all other contingent works.

The Watchman Ordinance is to be amended, it being considered advisable that members of the Air Force and persons employed by the Air Ministry should be placed in the same category as members of the Naval and Military Forces and persons employed by the Admiralty and War Departments respectively.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended Saturday last, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases, the figures in parenthesis indicating deaths: Plague, Alexandria 2 (1), Rangoon (1), Colombo 1 (2), Pnom Penh 4 (4), Baghdad 1 (1); Cholera, Bassein (4), Calcutta (30), Madras (1), Negapatam (9), Rangoon (9), Tuticorin 31 (30), Pondicherry (3), Bangkok 14 (8), Saigon 1 (1); Small-pox, Bombay 42 (17), Calcutta 4 (1), Karachi 10 (1), Madras 82 (11), Moulmein 2 (1), Negapatam 14 (1), Rangoon 4, Singapore 2, Belawan Deli 11 (4), Haiphong (1), Pnom Penh 6 (3), Shanghai (12), Canton 21, Macao (8), Mukden 1, Baghdad 1 (1), Aden 1, Basrah 4 (3).

HOOGLY SHIPPING DISASTER.

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said, "with four or five others. It must have been about 7.30 p.m., when the collision happened. The night was dark and I could see nothing.

"We had passed the lightship when there came a terrific crash. My companions and I were thrown down like nine-pins and when we scrambled to our feet we saw the peak of a huge ship cut into the body of the Ooriya.

"There was a stampede and every one was ordered to the forepart of the steamer.

Ropes Lowered.

"We were all taken off by means of ropes lowered from the Walton Hall. None of the passengers or crew had time to salvage any of their belongings. The Ooriya was taking in water and gradually settled down in about a couple of hours. She went under and completely disappeared." The commander of the Ooriya and purser are Europeans. The former was somewhat seriously injured in the leg.

Everyone on board was saved. In addition to the commander and the purser there were 16 deck hands, 15 firemen and 11 passengers.

After the collision the Walton Hall was anchored near the spot where the Ooriya foundered and all ships entering or leaving port were informed by wireless of the position of the wreck. She remained at anchor all night and early in the morning started off again, arriving at the dockhead at about 3.30 p.m. yesterday when all the passengers and crew were landed.

Inquiry to be Held.

The Walton Hall was badly holed forward. Above the water line there was a hole on each side and the one on the port was the size of a barrel. Several plates were dented and had been loosened by the force of the collision. The commander of the Walton Hall declined to give details of the incident. The collision will be the subject of an inquiry. The Walton Hall is lying in the basin off the 29th berth in Kidderpore Docks.

Serious allegations are being made against the skipper of the Walton Hall. It is stated in certain quarters that he failed to keep a proper look out for the Ooriya which was of course a much slower boat, but this may be without foundation.

There seems little to account for the collision as there was no fog to speak of. Nobody appears to have seen the Walton Hall approaching and the whole affair has an air of mystery. Little certainty can be secured until the inquiry, which is eagerly awaited.

"LOST IN THE ARCTIC."

HAZARDS OF THE POLAR REGIONS.

In the announcement of his plans for exploring the Antarctic, Commander Richard E. Byrd recently said the energies of part of his party would be first devoted to shooting tons of seals and other animals for a food supply.

Hunting on the ice is one of the most exciting sports in the world. Polar bears dash from ice cake to ice cake, seals are wary, walruses fight with tremendous energy, whales furnish thrilling spectacles when attacked. All these things are shown in "Lost in the Arctic," a pictorial record of Sidney Snow's expedition into the North in search of the missing members of Stefansson's expedition. It has been acquired by Fox and is to be shown on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

The picture fascinates and is thrilling and true in every detail. It also contains immense instructive value for grown-ups and children alike.

COYNE MUSICAL COMEDY CO.

BRIGHT SHOW GIVEN AT SHAMEEN.

The Coyne Musical Comedy Company staged an excellent programme on Thursday night in the Canton Club Theatre, Shameen, entitled "Keep Moving."

The whole Company were at the top of their form and all the various pieces put on were received by a crowded house with the greatest enthusiasm.

The whole show was well staged and was voted quite one of the best seen in Shameen lately.

The Company gives a farewell performance in Hongkong at the Theatre Royal to-night.

Havana, Feb. 1.

Five of the most powerful sugar growing and grinding companies in Cuba, all financed by New York Capital, have pooled 3,500,000 tons of sugar.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FORTY RUSSIANS RELEASED.

WERE FORMERLY IN CHINESE ARMY.

WRETCHED PLIGHT.

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

Over forty sick, undernourished and ragged Russian ex-soldiers yesterday were being cared for at the Russian Church in Chapei by members of the Russian Community. The men are in a wretched condition, penniless and without employment. Many of them are not in a physical condition to work even if employment was to be had.

The Russians were formerly in the army of General Chang Chung-chang, and were captured by the National forces months ago. Since that time they have been held as prisoners at various places, including Nanking, and are reported to have been ill-treated and underfed.

They arrived in Shanghai at the North Station on Saturday and after being taken to the military headquarters at Lunghwa were ordered to be released, all of them having been recently ordered pardoned by the Nationalist government.

When released they were without adequate clothing and without funds. Charitable members of the local Russian community interested themselves in the plight of the men and sent a delegation to Lunghwa to look after them and provide food and shelter until their problem can be solved.

Nine of the 45 men volunteered to go to the Chinese Eastern Railway zone, where, it was stated, employment will be found for them.

In the meantime, all of them are being quartered at the Russian Church and being cared for at the expense of the Russian Community. Several of the ex-soldiers, it is reported, are to be sent to the hospital.

SWIMMING-BATH WATER.

ONE FILLING MADE TO SERVE A SEASON.

It is claimed for the Harrow open-air swimming bath that the water which has been used for swimming purposes by 91,000 people is as free from micro-organisms as the public drinking water supply.

Dr. C. E. Goddard, the Medical Officer of Health for Harrow and Wembley, makes the claim. He attributes the purity of the water to the efficient method of cleaning and chlorination in use at the baths.

There is no question relating to the public health, Dr. Goddard considers, that has been so neglected as the scientific side of public bathing. The Romans built their public baths as scentifically as they built their roads, placing them wherever springs and clean, running water could be found. For the 1,500 years that have elapsed since their time, public bathing has been neglected, he holds.

In 1912 only three of the London baths were taking precautions to disinfect or sterilise the water; and it is stated that even now only about 40 out of 100 have installed plant for this purpose.

ABDICATION OF THE TSAR.

GENERAL DANILOV'S ACCOUNT.

General Danilov, the Chief of Staff of the Armies on the Russian Northern Front in March, 1917, under General Russky, their Commander-in-Chief, contributes to the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, Paris, a striking account of the Emperor Nicolas II.'s abdication at Pskov, of which he was an eye-witness.

The abdication followed a painful discussion in the Imperial train.

"The Emperor several times, probably unconsciously, turned towards the window of the carriage, the blind of which was pulled down. His ordinarily impassive face, in spite of himself, twitched. His lips were twisted in a way I had never seen in him before. One could feel a fearfully painful decision taking shape in his soul.

"Nothing broke the silence. The door and the windows were hermetically shut. Ah, that this overpowering silence might end!

"Suddenly the Emperor turned towards us with a brusque movement and said in a firm voice:

"'I have decided. I am determined to abdicate in favour of my son Alexis.' And he made on his breast a wide sign of the Cross. We crossed ourselves too.

"'I thank you all,' he went on. 'Thank you for your valiant and faithful service. I hope it will continue under the reign of my son.'

Later the Emperor consulted his surgeon and learned that the state of the Tsarevitch's health precluded the possibility of his reigning. When the Tsar saw the delegates from the Duma the same night he, therefore, declared his decision to abdicate in favour of his brother, the Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch. General Danilov insists that the Tsar was not subjected to pressure by the Duma delegates, MM. Guchkow and Shulgin.

'BUS DRIVERS' SKILL.

FINE RECORDS MENTIONED AT TWO INQUESTS.

London, Jan. 5.

"The public are greatly indebted to drivers of the London General Omnibus Company," said Mr. Douglas Cowburn at an inquest at Camberwell yesterday, "for the extraordinary care they take in avoiding accidents, and at a time when the London streets are intensely congested."

The case was that of a cyclist, who was thrown in front of an omnibus in Acre-lane, Brixton.

Thomas Williams, the omnibus driver, said that he had been driving for the company for 17 years and a half, and had a clean licence. He had six "safety first" diplomas. Scratching another vehicle would be sufficient to lose him a diploma.

"A magnificent record," said the Coroner.

A verdict of accidental death was returned, and the driver exonerated.

At an inquest at Shoreditch yesterday on William Arthur Ponder, aged 18, a cyclist, of Cassland-road, Hackney, who skidded on the tram lines and was run over by an omnibus, the driver declined to make a statement as to his previous driving.

The omnibus company's solicitor told Dr. Edwin Smith, the Coroner, that the driver, Abraham Moses, held two "safety first" awards.

Dr. Smith—The driver was too modest to mention that.

A verdict of accidental death was returned, and Moses was exonerated from blame.

"Mother says she remembers snows so deep that you had to lift your skirts to keep them from dragging in it."

The Very Idea!

One of the numerous English people who suffered grievous material loss in Russia at the time of the revolution was Mrs. Glassby, who has just died at Renhold, a Bedfordshire village, in her 81st year. She was the widow of Mr. Robert Glassby, sculptor to Queen Victoria, who died in 1892, and at whose funeral Her Majesty was represented and sent a wreath inscribed "A mark of respect from Queen Victoria." Mrs. Glassby lived for some years in Russia and was the last British subject to leave Moscow after the revolution, as she was ill when the British refugees left and had to go later. Like the majority of those who were unfortunate enough to have made their homes in Russia, Mrs. Glassby lost practically all she possessed under Bolshevik rule, including valuable works of art, and had all her money taken from her at the frontier by the Bolshevik officials.

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I met a charming stranger at breakfast this morning. He had a heavy look above the eyes, and I waited somewhat shakily for him to make talk. "Do you know," he asked in a deep voice, "what happens to all the safety razor blades used daily in this country?" I told him I did not. He smiled relievedly. Neither do I," he said, "and what is more I don't care."

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A defendant fined at Willesden asked for his costs for attending the court.

Magistrate at Tottenham, to defendant who kept on contradicting a witness: You must not contradict him.—The. Defendant: Then I can't tell the truth.

"I have no stomach for red tape."—Mr. J. A. R. Cairns, magistrate at Thames Police Court.

Man summoned at Wood Green, N., for obtaining the dole by fraud: I must plead ignorance.—Magistrate: Ignorance that you were at work? Pay 40s.

Willesden magistrate, to woman suing for maintenance arrears: What is your husband?—Wife, Quite a small egg merchant.

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A description of the busby which is being introduced as the full headdress for the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, in place of the helmet, is issued in an Army Order.

The introduction of this headdress will at present only affect officers who wish to wear full dress. The busby is to be as follows:

Black coney skin, 6¾ inches high in front, 7¾ inches high at the back and ½ inch smaller round the top than the bottom.

A cloth bag, scarlet for the Royal Artillery and light blue for the Royal Engineers, fitted in the top of the busby and falling down the right side to the bottom.

A white goats-hair plume, with ring and gilt grenade of regimental pattern (the top of which forms the plume socket), to be worn on the left side. The top of the plume to be in line with the top of the busby.

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To-day's Dog Story.—"Some years ago," writes a millitary correspondent, "I was ordered to Edinburgh in the depth of winter, and on going to report to my commanding officer I found that he was confined to his house and had left a message asking me to see him there.

"I hired a cab and took my Schipperke dog with me. It was very dark and raining hard, and my colonel's house was about four miles outside Edinburgh. My colonel asked me to stay to dinner, and promised to have my dog looked after.

"I left the house in a car at 10 p.m., and was told when I asked for my dog that he had slipped out of the door some time ago. There was nothing I could do but drive home with the intention of reporting the matter to the police. On arriving I went to my bedroom on the third floor of the hotel, where I found the Schipperke fast asleep on my bed. He had never been in Edinburgh before. The hotel porter said he had seen him slip in about half an hour before."

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A musician with a tin whistle played right through a village in Fife without getting anything. As he passed the last door he turned towards an old native.

"Man I havna got a farthing in the hale toon."

"I'm no' thinking ye wud," replied the Fifer. "Ye see, we dae a' oor ain whustlin' here."

The *Times* announces the engagement of James Malcolm Ian, only son of Mr. and, Mrs. Armstrong McIntyre, of Benson, Oxford, and Sadie Jean, younger daughter of the late Mr. E. G. Main, of Hongkong, and Mrs. Main, of Benson, Oxford.

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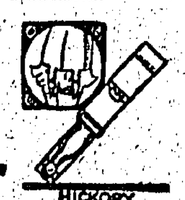

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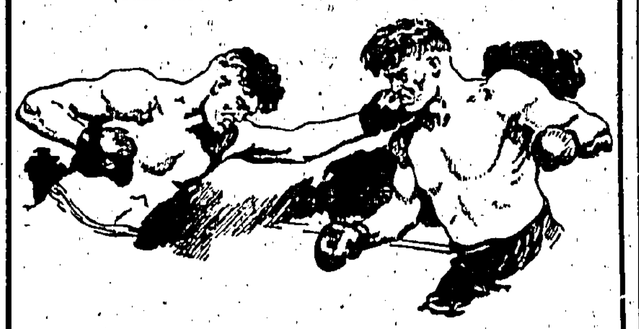

CITY HALL

Saturday, 9th February at 9.15 p.m.

15 ROUNDS LIGHTWEIGHT CONTEST.

Leading Seaman Hall (H.M.S. "Titania") v. A.B. Davies (H.M.S. "Hermes")

10 ROUNDS WELTERWEIGHT CONTEST.

Marine Fraser (H.M.S. "Tamar") v. A.B. Hall (H.M.S. "Hermes")

6 ROUNDS MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTEST.

A.B. Debell (H.M.S. "Bruce") v. A.B. Trimming (H.M.S. "Hermes")

6 ROUNDS LIGHTWEIGHT CONTEST.

A.B. Friend (H.M.S. "Titania") v. Stoker Odell (H.M.S. "Hermes")

6 ROUNDS FEATHERWEIGHT CONTEST.

A.B. Adams (H.M.S. "Bruce") v. Stoker Walters (H.M.S. "Hermes")

6 ROUNDS BANTAMWEIGHT CONTEST.

A.B. Rawlings (H.M.S. Hermes) v. A.B. Milbourn (H.M.S. "Kent")

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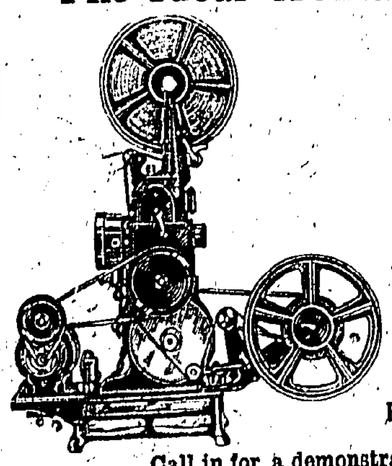

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SHAMEEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

SEAMEW AND MOTH AGAIN DRAW.

The return match between H.M.S. Seamew and H.M.S. Moth in the Shameen Football League resulted in a draw, each side securing one goal.

The first match between these two teams was only played off on Tuesday last and after a tremendous tussle ended in a draw without any score.

In Thursday's match both teams were "out for blood," and the game proved just as exciting and interesting as on the former occasion. H.M.S. Seamew put through the first goal about five minutes after the start and held the lead right through the first half and well on into the second. The ground was very slippery and the Seamew's goal was the result of a long tussle almost on the very goal line. For the remainder of the first half, the Seamew attacked time and again, but could not get through the Moth defence and Wickenden, the Moth goalie, distinguished himself by some very fine saves.

In the second half, the order of play was somewhat reversed, H.M.S. Moth having, if anything, the better of the game. About twenty minutes after resuming, H.M.S. Moth managed to net the ball after a melee in front of the Seamew's goal, in much the same way as the Seamew had scored at the commencement of the game. The teams were:

H.M.S. Moth.—Wickenden; Wincup, Dewey; Flint, Jordan, Gold; Beard, Hootan, Harrison, Hodgkinson and Love.

H.M.S. Seamew.—Goodman; Chapman, Forrest; Horn, Leeson, Grimsdell; Alderman, Baker, Mitchell, Kemp and Thompson.

This makes the present standing of the League as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Seamew	10	6	5	0	24	7	15
Lusitano	10	4	1	5	22	20	9
Tarantula	9	2	4	3	9	18	8
Cicala	10	2	4	4	13	28	8
Moth	7	2	4	1	13	7	8
Shameen S.C.	8	3	1	4	18	18	7
Mourben	6	2	1	3	8	18	6

H.M.S. Seamew, with only two more matches to play off, appear to be the certain winners of the League this season. So far, they have not lost a single League game this season. However, it cannot be denied that H.M.S. Moth are still in the running for the League Championa. On both occasions they have held the Seamew down to a draw, and although they succumbed to the Lusitano Recreation Association by 1 goal to nil, they have five games to play off, with a possible 10 points.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

LOCAL RUGBY.

UNITED SERVICES TEAM FOR TO-DAY.

The following side has been selected to represent the United Services XV in the trial match against the H.K.F.C. Rugby section to-day:

A. B. Webb (Cornwall); A. B. McKay (Cornwall), Surg. Lt. Bingham (Bluebell), Mne. Boylan (Cornwall), Lt. Rickman (Beds. and Herts.); Mid. Robertson (Cornwall), Lt. Johnson (Beds. and Herts.); A. B. Paddon (Petersfield), E. R. A. Hammond (Hermes), Ld. S. Sto. Morgan (Cornwall), A. B. Wright (Titania), A. B. Knott (Cornwall), Lt. Yate Lee (Beds. and Herts.), Pay Sub.-Lt. Blowers (Hermes), Mne. Smith (Cornwall).

HOCKEY.

SIM SHIELD—CLUB v. NAVY.

On the U.S.R.C. ground on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 4.45 p.m. sharp, the following will represent the Club against the Navy in the Sim Shield.—W. K. Tait; W. Woodward. J. Rodger; A. A. Dand (Capt.), E. J. R. Mitchell, J. E. Noronha; H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, E. D. Lawrence, G. R. Vallack, C. C. Francis, Reserves.—J. E. Henry, I. W. Shewan, H. V. Parker.

HOCKEY TEAM.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd eleven against the University on Monday on University ground at 5.15 p.m. (Cars will leave Blake Pier at 4.55 p.m.):—R. R. Sapsed, J. E. Henry, R. R. Todd, L. A. R. Duncan (Capt.), I. W. Shewan, A. C. Howell, R. D. Beaumont, R. K. Valentine, H. V. Parker, W. A. Nowers and T. J. Price.

In a return Chess match played at the Kowloon Chess Club last evening, the home team beat the German Tennis Club by 5 points to one. The Germans won the previous match by 4 points to 2.

A force of 175 police from the Pretoria Reef have been ordered to Port Nolloth in connexion with the trouble in the Namaqualand diamond fields.

"COX AND BOX" IN OXFORD.

WELSH MINERS WHO MAKE GOOD.

Oxford, Jan. 3.

The landlord in "Cox and Box," who arranged day and night sleeping "shifts" for his lodgers, unknown to them, has counterparts in modern Oxford. This fact has come to the knowledge of the authorities as the result of a curious incident.

A man employed during the day in connexion with the motor works outside the city met with an accident. He was taken to the Radcliffe Infirmary and his thumb amputated. He was then told to go home and go to bed. When he arrived at his lodgings, in the St. Clement's district, he discovered that his bed was occupied by a night worker.

Since then several similar cases have come to light. In most instances the victims are Welsh miners who have found employment in the city.

Oxford, in other days the city of dreaming spires, is sharing to an unusual extent the industrial prosperity of the South of England, and also the social problems brought by industry. Industry has been growing at such a pace that the demand for labour has been far in excess of the local supply.

Now there is an astonishingly large Welsh population in the suburbs, which is beginning to alter the character of the city. The insured population has almost doubled during the last eight years. In 1920 there were 12,000 insured persons, and there are now 22,000.

Adaptable Miners.

Oxford is on the direct route from South Wales to London and Bristol. To come into Oxford by motor-car along a main road is a revelation. Of course it has always been the Mecca of tramps, who have heard wondrous tales of undergraduate generosity to their brethren, but it is also the Mecca of unemployed from the depressed areas who have heard of work to be found at the Morris Motor Works and the Pressed Steel Works.

The Employment Exchange has found it difficult, however, to deal with men who come here on the chance of finding employment, and they are advised to consult their own exchanges.

It is Oxford's boast that the industrial transference scheme is being carried out with greater success here than anywhere else in the south-western division. In the report of the Manager of the Exchange to the local Employment Committee it is stated that 1,314 men, 26 boys, and 28 women have been brought from other districts during 1928. Of these, 226 men are from South Wales and the North of England.

The men who are generally extremely successful are from the Government instructional factories at Bristol, Birmingham, and Dudley.

These men from the depressed areas have proved themselves quite adaptable. Occasionally there are cases of home-sickness, but on the whole they settle down very comfortably in what may almost be called the Welsh quarter. A good many have taken up hobbies with vigour. Local football clubs find new supporters, and choirs and choral societies flourish abundantly.

TAXES AND TENNIS.

VARIED QUESTIONS FOR BUDDING INSPECTORS.

The Civil Service Commission recently conducted a competition among members of the Taxes Clerical Staff for situations as Assistant Inspector of Taxes in the Inland Revenue Department.

The essay and papers set were intended to test a candidate's power of self-expression, his understanding of English, and the workmanshiplike use of words, effective and skilful explosion, and also to judge his alertness, the standard of his intelligence and general outlook.

There was a choice of four subjects for the essay "Write a character sketch of a shy man," was one of the instructions. On social, economic, and political subjects, any three of nine questions were to be answered. "What has Mussolini done for Italy?" was a question requiring some knowledge of Italian politics. The musically inclined were invited to comment on national styles of music.

The "Everyday Science" questions included the following: "What is meant by a simple fracture and by compound fracture of a bone? How would you administer first-aid treatment in each case for a broken leg and attend to the general comfort of the injured?" and "Discuss, from geometrical and mechanical points of view, overhand and underhand services in tennis."

Fifty candidates have been summoned to the viva voce test.

A RECTOR WHO LOST HEART.

"UP AGAINST A BRICK WALL."

London, Jan. 5.

The failure of the Church to attract the people of the little Buckinghamshire parish of Hedgerley to worship has resulted in the resignation of the Rector, the Rev. William O'Connor, who, after eight years of striving, announces: "I have failed to influence them. I feel as if I were up against a brick wall. And so I had better retire."

He made this confession in a public announcement of his impending retirement, and, he said that much as he had tried to bring the people to church, he had been beaten by indifference. "There is nothing else," he said; "just indifference. Nothing will bring them back to the church. As I see it, it is a problem without a solution."

"They Just Don't Care."

He did not think that there was anything in the nature of a counter-attraction, unless it was the motor-bicycle and the omnibus, which enabled the people to find amusement in the towns. "No," he added: "they just don't care."

In his formal announcement in the parish magazine Mr. O'Connor wrote: "What grieves me most is to see so many of the boys and girls following the example of their elders and cutting themselves off from the means of grace."

Hedgerley is a pretty little place, with a fairly modern church on the site of the old Twelfth Century foundation, in which is preserved with pride a piece of the purple cloak worn by King Charles II. when he visited Hedgerley. The King found no altar cloth in use and presented the Rector with his cloak, himself flinging it across the bare table.

The rector is apparently right about his parishioners. They seem to take little or no interest in the Church, and most confess that they do not go to church, although they could give no reason. "I don't know," said one, "I never have gone, and I suppose that's why." Another, a woman, said that she was always much too busy on a Sunday to leave the house—"what with cooking and the children at home and everything."

The Oldest Inhabitant.

It was left for the oldest inhabitant to attempt explanation, and with it he gave his philosophy of life as he saw it and had seen it in this village for over half a century. He is Mr. Free Arlett, an ancient with a ready wit and some strong convictions. "Why don't I go to church?" he asked. "Well, now that's funny, it's just what Vicar asked me not a month ago. I'll tell you the same as I told him and that's to mind your own business."

After a time, however, he relented, and agreed to think about it. "Well," he said, "I suppose it is because I was driven to go when I was young. But, mind you, I have a Bible which I won at Sunday school and I read that every day. If you do that, there's no call to go to church. Parson can't teach you more than that."

After another long period of rumination, he added with pride: "And, mind you, I'm a better man than many of them as do go."

One could not help feeling that the old man's philosophy is one held by many in the England countryside to-day. "Yes," he proceeded, "people used to go before the war and make their kids go, too. But nobody ever seems to make children do anything in these days. They just do what they like, and it isn't human nature that they should go to church of their own accord."

"Everything Changed."

He summed up on a note which is often struck by philosophers and others who watch the way of the world from more exalted positions than this old Buckinghamshire labourer. "Everybody does just what they like now," he said. "They don't care so much what other people think about them. It's that war. It has changed everything."

Nobody in the village had a word to say against Mr. O'Connor, who is a country, scholarly clergyman of obvious sincerity—it is just that he and the Church find so little part in the villagers' lives. He has held livings in Ireland, and was for many years actively identified with medical missionary work in India.

His resignation takes effect in February.

LETTER GOLF.

Here's one for graduate letter golfers—those who already have their sheepskins. From LAMB to EWES is a par nine.

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2—You can change only one letter at a time.

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4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

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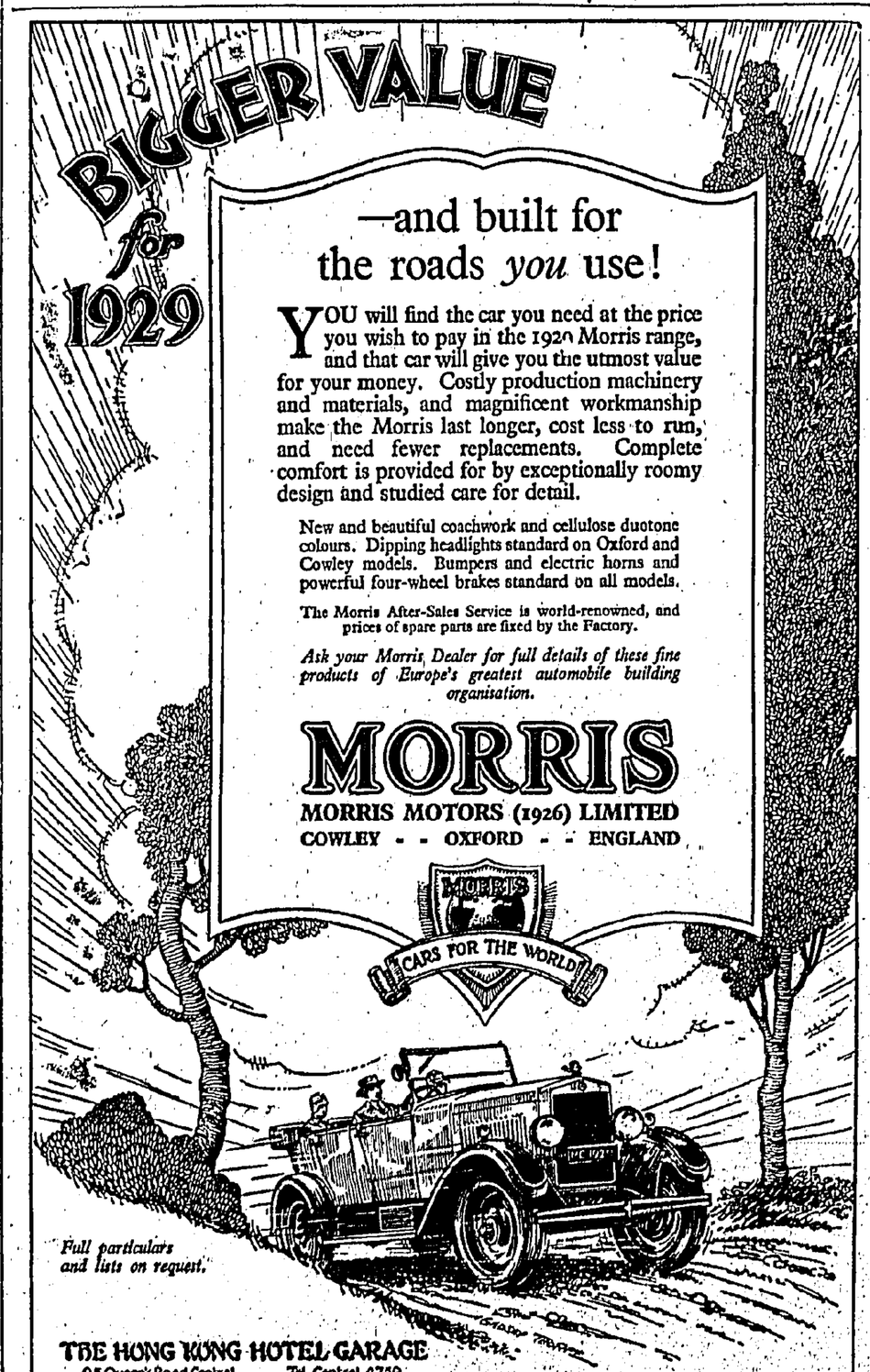

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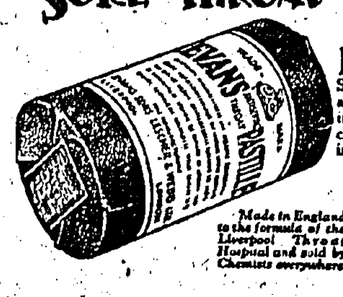

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EXPOSURE PROMISED AT LITVINOFF TRIAL.

Paris, Dec. 27.

The trial of Litvinoff's Brother, who was arrested in France at the request of the Soviet authorities for alleged fraud, promises to be one of the most exciting of the coming year.

A memorandum in which Litvinoff outlines his defence is reproduced in the Paris organ of Miliukoff, and contains some startling revelations.

According to Litvinoff his arrest was due to an intrigue which Chicherin is carrying on against his elder brother, the Assistant Commissar for Foreign Affairs, with the assistance of the Ogpu (Cheka). Chicherin has no love for his colleague, and wishes to discredit him in any way he can.

Litvinoff the Younger states that the fraud which he is accused of practising is the method commonly adopted by the Commercial Delegations to obtain funds for propaganda purposes. Under cover of its Commercial organisation, Litvinoff asserts, the Soviet has organised a network of propagandist agents under the control of a certain Turoff, who is officially attached to the Commissariat of External Commerce.

"Bills for Propaganda."

"In January, 1926, Turoff told me," Litvinoff alleges, "to issue bills abroad and transfer the money to France for Communist propaganda in North Africa."

According to Miliukoff's paper, the younger Litvinoff has handed over to the French Government a list of the secret agents of the Third International in France.

Another Russian paper, printed in Warsaw, gives the statistics of the various Commercial Delegations maintained by Soviet Russia abroad. In all 15,000 persons belong to this department, 3,500 of these being attached to the Berlin office. The expenses of the commercial organisation and of subsidies to foreign Communists amount to nearly 50,000,000 marks (£2,500,000) a month.

DEAN INGE ON PEACE IN INDUSTRY.

SIGNS OF A BETTER SPIRIT ON BOTH SIDES.

Dean Inge, in his Christmas Day sermon at St. Paul's, dealt with the outlook for peace in industry, in international affairs, and in Church matters.

He did not think the outlook was discouraging, and saw a great deal to be thankful for. Whether we were on the way to peace in industry was difficult to say. There were some who were doing the devil's work, trying to ruin their country by stirring up hatred, and proclaiming that there should be no peace, but only internecine war between employers and employed. But, we had not had many serious strikes lately, and he thought there were signs of a more reasonable and a better spirit on both sides. It was possible to hope that the folly and wickedness of civil war and strife were becoming apparent to the large majority.

In international affairs the same kind of chastened hopefulness was justified. He was inclined to think that we had been rather unhandsomely treated by our Allies, but no European war would ever be provoked by England.

Church Co-operation.

Regarding the relations between branches of the Christian Church, Dean Inge said that there were some encouraging signs. The old bitterness of the Non-conformists to the Church of England was a thing of the past. Almost everywhere relations were friendly and cordial, and he attributed this change for the better largely to the disappearance of the social arrogance with which Churchmen too often used to treat Nonconformists.

The Church was doing its proper work in encouraging social equality, and in condemning that odious thing called class consciousness, whether it showed itself among the rich or the poor.

The spirit of reunion was in the air. He did not himself see any prospect of corporate political reunion between the Church of England and any other body in England, because any such scheme would, he was afraid, split the Church of England from top to bottom. But mutual recognition and cordial co-operation were quite possible, and they were, he thought, on the way to accomplishment.

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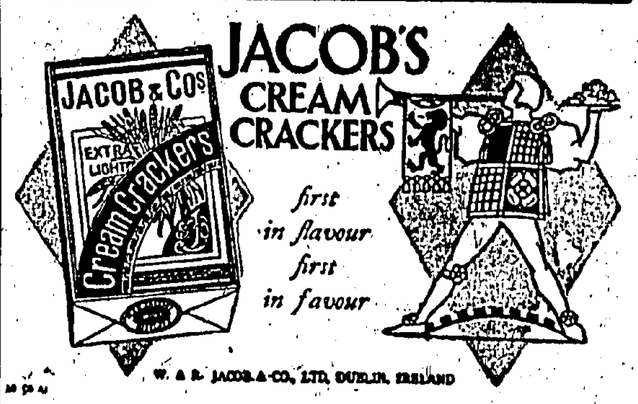

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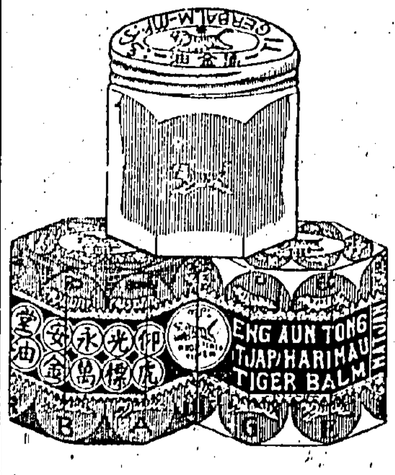

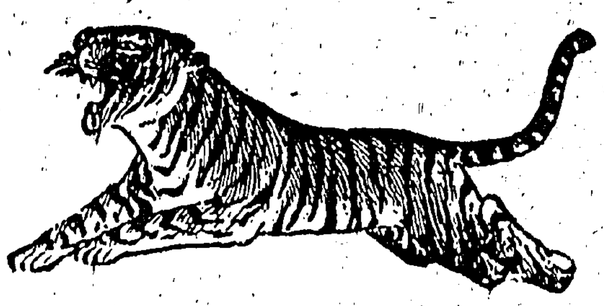

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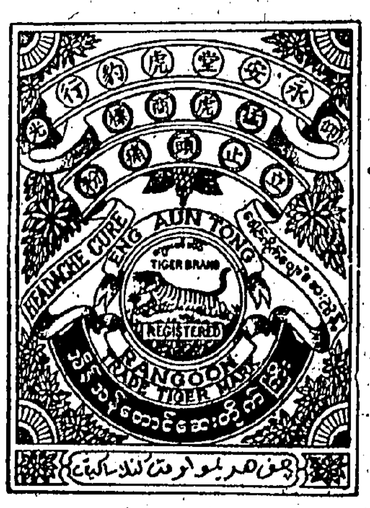

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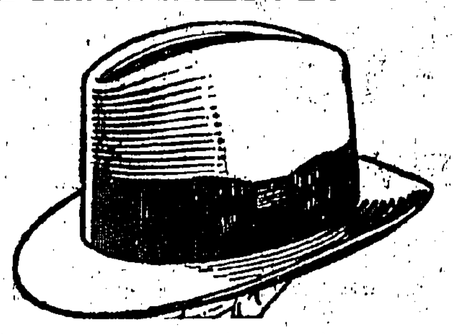

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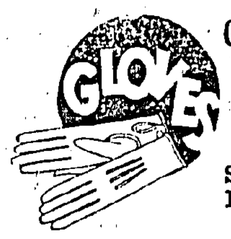

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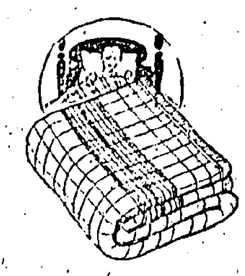

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LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

LAMB, LAME, DAME, DAMS, DIMS, AIMS, AILS, AWLS, AWES, EWES.

JOHN SHELDON'S WARD.

By Dorothea Corbould.

CHAPTER XII.

It would be beyond the power of mortal pen to describe the effect of this sudden appearance of the man they feared above every human being upon the two who had spoilt his life. For the space of quite two minutes not a word was spoken. Dickers had closed the door behind him, locked it, and put the key in his pocket. Presently he went on, and something in his voice added to their terror of him.

"I reckon you both know why I'm here, so there's no need to go into past reasons for my taking as deep a vengeance as I'm entitled to; but now that you've tried to add to your villainy the moral destruction of an innocent girl for the sake of her money, my better thoughts of leaving my revenge to be carried out by One Who said, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay,' and letting you go free to lead your evil lives as you choose have changed to a determination to take the law into my own hands. I know all about your treatment of Miss Hyde. I was fortunate enough to be held up by engine trouble on the road she took to Windermere where you, Melford, were left behind. You'll remember that my car passed you on the road. A tyre burst as Miss Hyde's reached me, and I finished the accident by putting a further obstacle in the way of your following us when Miss Hyde did me the honour of trusting me to take her on her way. She remained in my charge till I delivered her up to her guardian, whom we wired to come and fetch her home."

"Well, I was going to marry her," came from Austin Melford's white, trembling lips. He was shaking like a leaf; all the courage he had ever possessed had flowed like water from his veins; for he knew he had no mercy to expect from the man who had once been his friend and whom he had so bitterly wronged.

Mildred was frightened, too, but, womanlike, hid her fear under a cloak of haughty defiance.

"I—I meant the girl no harm," Melford went on, as the other man did not speak. "You are a damned brutal coward, Dickers, to take advantage of two helpless people. I'm sorry about that old affair. I loved Mildred, and you didn't and I believed you guilty of that robbery, or of course—"

"Liar!" almost shouted Dickers, "liar and thief, stealing my wife from me, and then my good name, so that I should be out of the way. Sorry, are you? Not *you*—but you'd do exactly the same thing to-morrow if you had the chance, and it was worth your while. And as for you"—turning to Mildred Dalroy—"what mercy do *you* expect from the husband whose whole life you have ruined? D'you think I don't remember that you laughed, yes, *laughed*, when you heard me condemned to penal servitude for a crime you, as well as this shunk here, knew I hadn't committed, and you'd have done the same if that bank cashier, who was nearly murdered, hadn't lived, and the sentence upon me had been death."

Mildred shrugged her shoulders.

"You're romancing," she replied. "I don't remember having shown any feeling but that of indifference to anything that happened to you after your refusal to set me free. If I ruined your life as you pretend, God knows you ruined mine. However, that's all done with. I'm fed up with everything—don't care a damn what happens to me, so you can do your worst."

"Very well. I've very little more to say, and I'll say it to you, Austin Melford—the man whom I helped when he needed help, who ate of my bread and made my house his home, and who repaid me with the basest ingratitude the cruelty of man could devise. In all the years since I have suffered at your hands, I have nursed the hope that one day we might meet, and I could shoot you like a dog. I'm going to do that now."

Melford laughed feebly.

"And bring the whole blooming place about your ears," he said. "You daren't risk that, I take it."

"Certainly not—I'm no fool now, whatever I was in the past," Dickers replied "My little silent automatic will tell no tales—I've taken care of that."

He drew a revolver from the breast pocket of his coat, and at sight of it Melford suddenly seemed endowed with the courage of despair. He sprang at his enemy, his face tigerish in its fierce desire to get even with him. There was a sharp struggle, in which Dickers' weapon suddenly did its work, and Melford fell an inert heap upon the floor with a bullet through his heart.

With a strangled scream Mildred threw herself down beside the dead body of the man she had loved not wisely but too well, and threw her arms about him.

"Austin! Austin!" she moaned, "speak to me!" He hasn't killed you, my darling! Well, everything is over. I'll come—" She suddenly snatched the revolver from Dickers' hand as the latter bent over the victim of his hate and revenge, and the next moment had fallen lifeless beside her murdered lover.

"The unwritten law," muttered Conrad Dickers as he looked down upon them. "I'm sure not sorry that scoundrel Melford has gone to his account, but I had the idea—a darned silly idea it was too—that once he was out of the way Milly might have well, it wasn't Con Dickers who killed her after all, poor soul, but the man who stole her from him, therefore the world shall get the notion that he first shot her then himself—nothing more likely—and a sensational story for the Press."

He raised the dead woman, placed her gently on the couch by the window, hesitated a moment, looking down at her as she lay there, more beautiful in death than she had ever been in life, then suddenly stooped and kissed her. "The seal of my pardon, Milly," he murmured—"my forgiveness."

Dickers' next act was to drag Melford's dead body a little nearer the couch, and to place the revolver near his right hand as though he had dropped it in his fall, then, taking the key from his pocket, he unlocked the door and left the room as softly as he had entered it. No one was anywhere about and running upstairs to a floor above he rang the lift bell and was carried down to the entrance hall. Giving the lift attendant who took him for a guest, a liberal "douceur," Dickers left the hotel and, entering his car, drove leisurely towards the gates and out into the road, then gathering speed, the car whirled him away, and he had soon put miles between himself and the scene of his accomplished vengeance.

The next day he left England for New York.

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It was John Sheldon who first saw the announcement of the tragedy when he opened the newspaper at the breakfast table, and his startled "Great Scott! listen to this—what an awful thing!" caused his aunt and Elizabeth to regard him with wonder and amazement.

"Mysterious murder at an hotel."

"A terrible tragedy occurred yesterday at the Royal Stag Hotel, Croomlech Falls, Cumberland. A man and woman, brother and sister, arrived a few days ago at the hotel on their way, so they said, to Alnwick, and engaged a private sitting-room and two bedrooms on the second floor. They did not appear at luncheon, and it was supposed they had gone for a motor ride, but on going to their sitting-room to inquire if they would have tea there as usual, the waiter was horrified to find them both dead—the woman lay on a couch, and near her was her brother, with a revolver beside him. He had presumably shot her, and then himself. The woman's name in the visitors' book is given as Mrs. Gilrow, and the man's as Austin Melford, both of New York. It was strange that no sound of revolver shots was heard in the hotel, but the tragedy evidently occurred during the dinner hour of the hotel staff, and the manager and his wife occupied a sitting-room overlooking the waterfall, therefore any other sounds would probably not have reached them or anyone in the office. The inquest will be held at Carnforth to-morrow and in the meantime the police are investigating the mystery, assisted by the manager of the Royal Stag Hotel, who is much upset at the terrible tragedy having taking place in the hotel, fearing it may scare visitors away. The police authorities will be grateful to anyone who can throw any light on the mystery, though there is nothing to dispel the conviction that the deaths were either the result of a pact between the brother and sister, or that it was the result of a serious quarrel, the waiter who attended upon them having given evidence that they did not appear to be on good terms with each other, and were frequently quarrelling."

"Poor Mrs. Gilrow, how awful! And that nice man Mr. Melford, and they always seemed so fond of each other!"

It was Miss Sheldon who spoke. Elizabeth's eyes were on her plate, and she said nothing—her mind was going back to those words she heard as Mr. Dickers cut the tyres of Austin Melford's car.

"It would gratify me considerably to do the same to the owner, and I'll sure do it when I get at him and her both together—I'm clean on their track now."

Could it be possible that her kind friend could have done such a terrible thing? She would not think it.

"I'm afraid no one can solve the mystery," Sheldon said, as he laid down the paper and proceeded to help himself to poached eggs, "it is one of those awful tragedies which now, alas! are only too frequent. I'm awfully sorry about Mrs. Gilrow—such a terrible end, and at the hand of one she was probably fond of—something must have happened."

"Yes. I feel quite upset about it, and you were so recently with the poor woman, Elizabeth—of course, I know you didn't like Mr. Melford, but you must feel sorry for this untimely death."

"Well, at the risk of shocking you and making you feel that I am an unfeeling beast, Aunt Lucy, I must confess that I'm not a bit sorry for either of them. I believe they richly deserved it."

"My—*dear*—Elizabeth! How *can* you speak so? And of Mrs. Gilrow, too, who was so kind to you? I—I feel quite ashamed of you!"

"Yes, you would—but, you see, I hated Austin Melford and I never quite believed in Mrs. Gilrow; but if it will relieve your mind I will take back what I said about her, because she really was kind to me and gave me an awfully good time at Torquay; only, you see, my unfortunate insight into people's characters told me she did not really like, me ond only made up to me for her brother's sake."

"Well, I only hope they won't want any information from us," John Sheldon remarked; "we can't tell them anything, and I mean to keep out of it."

But, to Miss Sheldon's intense surprise, he never uttered a word of rebuke to his ward for what his aunt considered Elizabeth's callous indifference to the fate of her friend and hostess.

"John," Elizabeth said, as she and her guardian took a stroll round the garden after dinner that evening, for the summer had merged itself into autumn now, and there was no more sitting in the arbour, "do you think Mr. Melford killed Mrs. Gilrow and himself? Because I don't—he wouldn't have the courage to commit suicide, though he might have shot her; he was coward enough for anything!"

"He is dead, therefor we mustn't judge him," was the reply. "What makes you think that newspaper story isn't true?"

(To Be Continued.)

NEW YEAR WIT.

FRENCHMAN'S "PREDICTIONS" FOR 1929.

Paris, Jan. 1.

Here are some of the predictions for 1929 made by M. Charles Omessa, the somewhat acid wit of the *Liberte*: "January.—M. Poincare wants to resign. M Caillaux has a Cabinet ready waiting. February.—M. Poincare agrees not to resign. May—The most tender of the months Madame Hanau leaves prison and starts a new paper, *La Raclette* (The Scraper) de France.

"August.—Numerous shots are heard in Brittany Normandy, and other places. September.—M. Poincare wants to resign. M. Caillaux has a Cabinet ready waiting.

"October.—M. Poincare agrees not to resign. November.—Madame Cecile Sorel sells her doll and hoop (acquired by the Glozel Museum). December.—The Deputies reduce their salaries to 5 francs a month, but will receive office and motor-omnibus allowances of 500 francs a day."

Another enterprising journalist woke up a number of prominent actresses this morning with the embarassing question, put by telephone. "Whom did you kiss at midnight?" Mme. Vera Sergine, the heroine in M. Maurice Rostand's absurd and libellous Napoleon IV., answered, "Everyone. I kissed everyone—my fellow actors, the dressers and friends who came to be kissed."

Mlle Alice Cocca, in private life the Comtesse de la Rochfoucauld, after some trouble in understanding the question: "My husband of course, and no one else." Mme. Sarah Caryth, the animal trainer: "My husband first, then my monkey, my python and my lions."

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8 p.m. Evening Programme (Columbia Records).
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"Marche Lorraine,"
March, The Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.
8.30 p.m. Dance Music.
"Just the Reverse,"
"The Face,"
Comedian, George Robey.
9 p.m. Dance Music.
"Blue Eyes," (Do I do wrong?")
"Blue Eyes," (from "Blue Eyes")
Duet, Evelyn Laye and Geoffrey Gwyther.
9.45 p.m. Dance Music.
"Skadatin-Doe,"
"Get out and get under the Moon,"
Comedians, Van and Schenck.
Dance Music.
10.10 p.m. News Bulletin,
Dance Music.
God Save The King.
10.30 p.m. Close Down.

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EMPRESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 15	June 22
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 26	June 29	July 2	July 4	July 13
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 27
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A welcome was extended to Mr. J. L. McPherson by the staff of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., on his return to the Colony. This took the form of a tiffin in the board room of the Y.M.C.A. building in Bridges St. In addition to the guest of honour, Mr. J. H. Hunt and Mr. Wat Lok-hing, of the European Y.M.C.A. and Mr. R. D. Arnold, of the Yunnanfu Y.M.C.A. were present.

On behalf of all the staff, Mr. Y. H. Tsao, the General Secretary, addressed to Mr. McPherson hearty words of welcome felt by all. It was twenty four years ago he said that Mr. McPherson first came to the Y.M.C.A. of Hongkong, from Toronto, Canada. Not only the directors and secretaries but many members, past and present, felt the liveliest gratitude to him. It was timely that he returned just now when the Y.M.C.A. is entering on the important project of a branch in Kowloon. The directors have asked him to give special attention to the completion of this branch and the inauguration of a programme in it that will be suited to the needs of the community.

AMERICA'S NAVY.

SENATORS' ALARMIST SPEECHES.

Washington, Feb. 1.

The debate on the Cruiser Bill was resumed this morning.

Senator Johnson (Rep. California) supported Senator Reed, and made a reference to Japan, expressing the opinion that it would not "be long before a world drama is played in the Pacific Ocean."

Senator Johnson declared that the United States, in the course of her economic success, was breaking against the world barriers. "That success must be yielded or protected. Realising what the future may hold for the three great States on the Pacific coast, I want this Bill passed in its present form."

He asserted that having throttled the United States at the Washington Conference Britain proceeded feverishly to build cruisers until she was once more mistress of the sea. "Thanks to God and President Harding Britannia still rules the waves."—*Reuter's American Service.*

MEDICAL CONFERENCE.

BIENNIAL GATHERING OF CHINA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The biennial conference of the China Medical Association, held in Hongkong in 1925, takes place next week at Shanghai. A representative attendance and interesting discussions are expected.

The President of the Conference will be a Hongkong doctor, Dr. Arthur Woo. At the last meeting two years ago Dr. Woo was elected Vice-President, but since then Dr. Fowler, the President, has left China, and the Vice-President temporarily fills the position. It is, we understand, the first time that a Chinese has presided over a mixed conference of this sort.

Dr. Woo left for Shanghai yesterday.

GOOD YEAR'S WORK.

SPEECH DAY AT ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE.

A year's work productive of very good results, particularly at the University Examinations, was the essence of the report of St. Stephen's Girls' College which was read yesterday in the hall of the College to a very large gathering of both ladies and gentlemen.

Amongst those present was the Bishop of Victoria, Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy, Mrs. W. T. Southorn and Mr. Kwok Siu-lau.

Prior to the reading of the school report, a short programme of musical and dance items were gone through, every class taking part, from the children in the Kindergarten to girls in the matriculation and senior standards.

The Headmistress, Miss E. S. Atkins, addressing the gathering, said:

A year ago from this platform, I spoke of our hopes and plans for the building of a new wing to provide a Science Room, which we urgently need, and more adequate accommodation in class rooms. At that time we were planning for two storeys only. It is a great pleasure to me to be able to report to-day that it was found possible to put up the whole wing, and already the builders are at work on the 4th storey, and we are looking forward to the time when the school building will be complete as was originally planned, with an Art Room, a Covered Playground, and a Science Laboratory for the teaching of Physics and Chemistry which we are planning to introduce into the school curriculum. (Applause).

Our succession in the University Local Examinations have been very satisfactory. Of the fifteen Junior candidates who entered all passed, five gaining distinction in English, six in Biblical Knowledge, two in Music, and three in Mathematics. (Applause). Thirteen candidates were sent in for the Senior examination. Eleven passed of whom four qualified for Matriculation, one student gaining Senior Honours as well. Three distinctions were awarded for Biblical Knowledge, and one for Music. (Applause).

Two of the students who have matriculated have entered the University and are now in residence in St. Stephen's Hall, the Women's Hostel, an institution very closely connected with this one. Last year on our Speech Day the Bishop expressed a hope that something might be done in the way of building a permanent Hostel. Since then an Organising Committee has been formed and is at work and an appeal has been made. It is our earnest hope that all who are interested will do their best to forward the scheme.

By means of Concerts and the Annual Sale of Work, over $3,500.00 have been raised to help the Ministering Children's League and the many charities we support year by year in Hongkong, Yaumati, Pakhoi, Yunnan and other places in China, (applause) and this year we have sent help to a school in India which was badly in need. This is an effort in which the whole school joins; all, staff and students big and little, take part and learn in co-operation to serve others and through service to develop the highest and best in themselves.

Mrs. Southorn at the end of the prize distribution, addressing the gathering said:

I accepted Miss Atkins' invitation to be present to-day on condition that I did not speak and yet here I am on my feet preparing to break my resolution. However, this is not a speech—it is merely an expression of my pleasure at being here to-day among the teachers and pupils of St. Stephen's Girls' College where I feel so thoroughly at home. I must confess that there are two invitations I find it almost impossible to refuse and those are a visit to a school or to a garden. I think perhaps it is because they are both full of young growing things and there is a great charm to older folk in young growing things. I find in the schools of Hongkong both vitality and inspiration. The pupils are encouraged not only to pick the flowers of knowledge but also to sow the seeds of social service. Both in school and out of school the splendid influence of their untiring teachers is felt and seen. I congratulate St. Stephen's on its successful speech day. I wish it success throughout the year.

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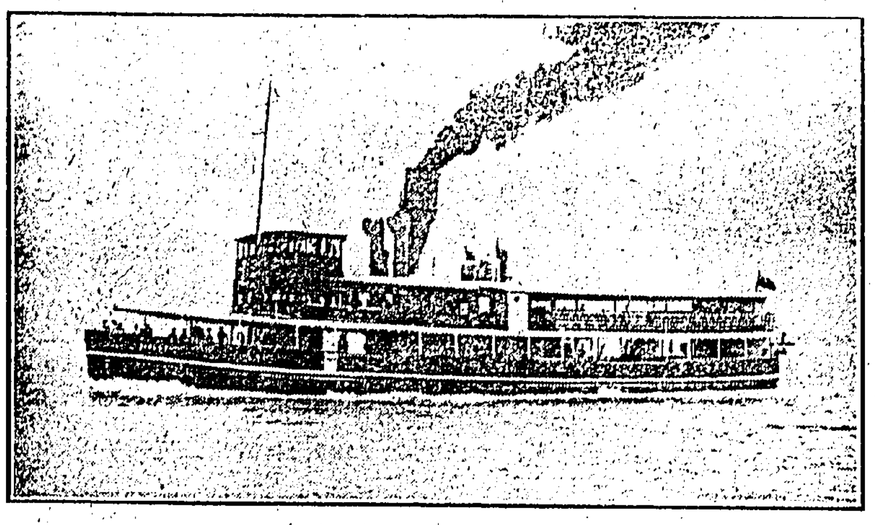

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THE SPANISH REVOLT.

TWO COLONELS SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Paris, Feb. 1.

A message from Madrid says that Colonels Paz and Bris have been courtmartialled and sentenced to death for complicity in the recent revolt. It is doubtful whether the sentences will be carried out.

Newspaper correspondents report excitement in Spain in consequence of the arrest of Senor Sanchez Guerra. Influential politicians are preparing to approach the King in the event of severe punishment being inflicted on the ex-Premier.—*Reuter.*

ALLEGED FORGED NOTES.

ASSISTANT WHO PASSED OWN FORGED NAME.

The case for the Crown was concluded at the Criminal Sessions yesterday in the case in which three Chinese men and one Chinese woman are under indictment for complicity in uttering allegedly forged $50 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank notes.

The principal witness called yesterday was Mr. C. H. Eldridge, an assistant in the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, who said he had been in the service of the Bank since 1911. The witness was shown a bundle of forty $50 notes which two of the prisoners had shown to the police, hidden under a wood pile in Jardine's Bazaar. He said the notes were "good imitations." A bundle of genuine notes was put in by the witness; these still lacked one signature.

The witness explained that when notes of this denomination are received in Hongkong they still require one signature, the other one having been already lithographed. Any member of the foreign staff had power to add the second signature.

Mr. Fitzroy: You see the signature purporting to be that of Mr. Clerk on the alleged forged notes? Are any of them his signature?

The witness: They are very good imitations.

Mr. Fitzroy: Can you give me a direct answer to the question?

The witness: That is my point: They are so good, it is difficult to tell.

Examination of Signature.

The witness called attention to differences between a genuine signature by Mr. Clerk and the signature on the alleged forged notes. He also demonstrated that one of the principal panels on the forgeries was shorter, horizontally, than on the genuine note. The difference amounted to ¼inch. The depth from top to bottom appeared to be the same in each case. The scroll work supporting the central medallion on the forged notes was not so delicately reproduced in the forged notes. This could be best seen under a glass.

This involved individual examination of the notes through a magnifying glass by each member of the jury in turn, and Mr. Somerset Fitzroy remarked to the judge, while this was going on, that one was inclined to ask, with Pope, "Why has not man a microscopic eye?"

The Chief Justice: Perhaps because it would make it too difficult for the honest forger.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy: Pope's answer was, "because man is not a fly."

Notes With Same Number.

The Chief Justice asked whether there was any possibility of two genuine notes bearing exactly the same number being issued.

The witness explained that notes were received by the Bank, already numbered, in packets of 500, or, occasionally, 1,000. They were complete except for one signature, which had to be put on in Hongkong. The notes were numbered consecutively, and with each packet was delivered a register in which the corresponding numbers appeared, and provision was made for the Bank Officer who signed the notes to sign the corresponding register. Notes were signed in batches of never less than 500: once a packet was broken the whole 500 were signed.

The Chief Justice: Then is it possible for two notes to bear the same number?

The witness: I have only known one instance of that to occur in the course of putting into circulation something like two million notes. Every one has passed through my hands or under my control, and there was only one instance, i.e., two notes bore one number and one number was missing.

The Chief Justice: Whose mistake was that?

The witness explained that the attention of the printers in London was drawn to the matter and they accounted for it by saying that the numbering machine must have missed one turn in its automatic operation.

In reply to Mr. D'Almada, the witness said that as regards the forged notes which he had not been able to match by a genuine note, the respective genuine notes (14) were still in circulation.

Mr. D'Almada: They could not possibly be among the forty alleged forgeries?—No.

Mr. D'Almada: Can you tell me when the Bank first detected the forgeries?

The witness: Three were sent down by the Canton office on the 14th November, 1928. We then took steps to find out whether we had any forged bank notes in our possession.

Did you find any?—We did.

How many?—Eleven; they had come in, in the ordinary course of business.

They were accepted as genuine?—Yes, they had been.

Will you look at exhibit "O"? (the note alleged to have been in the possession of the fourth prisoner): I put it to you that were it not for the fact that you measured the note, you would not have been able to tell that the signature was not yours?

The witness: I was deceived by the first note that came into my possession: I authorised it to be paid.

In re-examination, the witness produced the eleven forgeries found in the Bank. With regard to his passing a forgery bearing a representation of his own signature, the witness explained that the Hongkong office had received three forgeries from Canton, all signed "Clerk," and they were only watching for notes bearing that name. When he looked at the note again he detected the difference.

The Chief Justice: The horse was out of the stable then.

Mr. Fitzroy: The note was specially referred to you?

Witness Says He Was Careless.

The witness: Yes; it was carelessness on my part: I should have looked at it more carefully. Personally, I take very little notice of signatures in regard to notes. When 500 are signed in three quarters of an hour a lot of differences can creep in to the signatures.

Mr. Fitzroy: Did you then say that the signature was not yours, because you had examined the signature carefully and had come to that conclusion, or because you found that the note itself was a forgery?

The witness: I discovered that the note was a forgery first, and then I found that my signature was a forgery.

Mr. Fitzroy: Apart from the fact that you found the note to be a forgery, would you have been convinced that it was a genuine signature?

Witness: As I say, I accepted the note: I did not examine it. It was brought to me and I said, "That's all right, it is signed by me."

In reply to the Chief Justice, the witness said that only by inspection of the signature under a glass was he able to say that it was not his.

The case for the defence will be opened on Monday.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE.

THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION LAST EVENING.

The annual prize distribution of the St. Paul's College was held last evening in the hall of the new St. Paul's Girls' School on Kennedy Road, when opportunity was also taken to bid a formal farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Evan Stewart. Certificates were distributed by the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, with the Rev. A.D. Stewart presiding.

There was a large gathering of present boys and former pupils, and the school hall was filled to overflowing. The Rev. A. D. Stewart, addressing the assembly, said in part:

Ladies and gentlemen, we are met together to-night not only for the purpose of distributing certificates, but also to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Evan Stewart who will be leaving us to-morrow for a well-deserved holiday in England.

I know I am speaking on behalf of the whole Staff and all the students when I offer to Dr. Tso our most hearty congratulations on his appointment as a member of the Legislative Council of Hongkong. (Applause) Dr. Tso was associated with the late Sir Kai Ho Kai in helping to start this school just twenty years ago, and for the past fifteen years Dr. Tso has been a member of our College Council. What is more, I find from the minute book that he has scarcely missed a meeting of the committee during all these years, which speaks well for the untiring interest he has always shown in the College. At the moment he is even more closely connected with it in that he has one son a teacher and another a student. We are most grateful to him for this further proof of his interest in coming to us to-night.

In the recent Local examinations we passed 2 Matriculation, 5 Senior and 9 Junior. In the junior classes, particularly in class 6, the standard was quite good.

After the certificates had been presented by Dr. Tso, Mr. Tso Yuk-wah, on behalf of the staff, bid Mr. Evan Stewart farewell. One of the boys of the school also spoke a few words and wished Mr. and Mrs. Stewart *bon voyage* and a pleasant holiday.

Before the distribution, musical items were rendered by the boys, and afterwards a cinema show was given.

JAPANESE REDS.

NINETY-NINE COMMUNISTS RECEIVE SENTENCES.

Osaka, Feb. 1.

The District Court has sentenced 99 communists, all members of the Osaka branch of the Japan Communist Party, who were rounded up last March.

Kasuga, who was the most active leader, was sentenced to eight years, and the others to periods ranging from seven to one year.

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The defendants arranged to appeal their case and then left the court singing a revolutionary song.—*Reuter.*

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IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

Costes, the famous French aviator (on right), is to make an attempt on February 19th to fly from Paris to Hanoi and back in ten days. In the picture he is seen with Le Brix, the couple having flown from Tokyo to Paris last year in 6½ days.

Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, former Commander-in-Chief of the China Station who was given a warm naval send-off this morning on his departure for Home.

MURDERED BRIDE'S REMAINS.

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL ARRANGED IN HONGKONG.

SIMPLE CEREMONY.

The body of the wealthy Chinese bride, for whose murder her husband, Dr. Chung Yi Miao, was recently executed at Manchester, is on the way to Hongkong by the Blue Funnel liner Calchas, which is due here on Wednesday next.

The remains were recently disinterred at the churchyard at Crosthwaite, near Keswick, Mr. Swinburne, an undertaker, having offered to send them to Hongkong at his own expense. The grave was reopened by the light of storm-lamps in the presence of police, and the coffin later sent to Birkenhead by rail to wait shipment.

We learn from relatives of the deceased lady that on arrival here, the remains will be interred at the Chinese Christian Cemetery, and a simple funeral ceremony in accordance with Christian rites is to be held.

Arrangements are being made for the funeral to take place on the day following the arrival of the s.s. Calchas here.

SPLENDID NAVAL SEND-OFF.

SIR REGINALD TYRWHITT'S FAREWELL.

The fleet gave a magnificent send-off to Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt this morning, on his departure from H.M.S. Kent to board the P. and O. liner Morea, by which ship he is taking passage to England.

The former Commander-in-Chief embarked in a galley at 10 a.m., and, preceded by a motor pinnace and escorted by two cutters manned by officers, his progress across the harbour was marked by many expressions of enthusiasm.

All ships were manned and as the galley passed, each cheered in turn, Vice-Admiral Tyrwhitt, who was in mufti, rising and saluting.

An unofficial demonstration was also staged by boats from various naval establishments following in the wake of the galley, firing bursts of crackers.

CAPT. FRIED'S TOUR ABANDONED.

SECOND THOUGHTS BY THE U. S. SHIPPING BOARD.

Washington, Feb. 1.

The United States Shipping Board has decided, after all, to abandon the projected goodwill tour of Captain Fried through the United States.

It was planned, after the rescue by the s.s. America of the crew of an Italian steamer, that Capt. Fried should visit leading cities to demonstrate the superiority of the American Mercantile Marine."—*Reuter's American Service.*

LU CHUNG-LIN.

FENG'S SATELLITE'S NEW POST.

Nanking, Feb. 1.

The chief lieutenant of the "Christian General," General Lu Chung-lin has left Pengpu for Nanking and it is understood that he is to be formally installed as Assistant-minister of the Nanking Ministry of War.

AUSTRALIA HAVE GOOD DAY.

FIVE ENGLAND BATSMEN SENT BACK.

HAMMOND'S BIG TASK.

The first day's play in the Fourth Test at Adelaide went definitely in favour of Australia after Hobbs and Sutcliffe had laid the ground for a big total. It is curious just how much these heroes of Test cricket rely one upon the other, and yesterday, as on many previous occasions, Sutcliffe did not long survive the dismissal of Hobbs with the score at 143.

The half-hour before lunch was certainly disastrous for England for Jardine was also sent back.

Hendren was expected to make a stand, but he seems to have played badly at a nasty ball from Blackie and was clean-bowled.

Arthur Chapman had a merry knock, outpacing Hammond, but just before stumps were drawn he fell a victim to Ryder.

To lose five wickets for 246 runs on the first day is not a good sign, but until Australia have disposed of Hammond, on whom everything now seems to depend, it would be a shot in the dark to venture an estimate of the future prospects. The scores are appended:

England—1st Innings.

Hobbs, c Ryder, b Hendry	74
Sutcliffe, st. Oldfield, b Grimmett	64
Hammond, not out	47
D. R. Jardine, l.b.w. Grimmett	1
Hendren, b Blackie	18
A. P. F. Chapman, c A'Beckett, b Ryder	39
Duckworth, not out	0
Extras	8
Total (for 5 wkts.)	246

Larwood, Tate, Geary and White to bat.

Fall of Wickets: 1 for 143 runs (Hobbs), 2 for 143 (Sutcliffe), 3 for 149 (Jardine).

AMERICAN RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

SIX OF THE TRAIN STAFF KILLED.

New York, Feb. 1.

That six railwaymen were killed, while none of the passengers received serious hurt, is a rather remarkable feature of a railway *accident reported this morning* from Henderson, Kentucky.

A fast passenger train was involved in a head-on collision with a goods train, the engines crashing at a high speed. The mishap occurred just outside Henderson, and assistance was rapidly forthcoming.

Six of the officials on the trains were found dead in the wreckage, but though there were a large number of passengers, only slight injuries were reported.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ANOTHER COMMUNIST SPLIT.

BUKHARIN MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

Berlin, Feb. 1.

A message from Moscow alludes to "the highly charged atmosphere" in political circles and the great excitement occasioned by the reported impending removal of M. Bukharin from the Presidency of the Communist Internationale.

M. Bukharin, who, since the death of M. Lenin has been regarded as the chief theoretician of Bolshevism, opposes M. Stalin's political and economic policy, and their differences have recently come to a head.—*Reuter.*

COTTON COMBINE PROSPECTS.

APPLICATIONS FROM FIFTY MILLS REPORTED.

BASIS OF PURCHASE.

London, Feb. 1.

It is understood that fifty cotton mill companies have applied to the Lancashire Cotton Corporation for valuation in the event of the new spinning combine materialising.

Each of these companies will receive a statement in regard to the basis of purchase by the Corporation, which has been registered in London with a preliminary capital of £100.

Details of the new combine were published recently. It is backed by a powerful directorate, including Mr. John Tattersall, Sir Kenneth Stewart, and Sir James Cooper.

Arrangements have been made with the Bank of England to provide temporary necessary capital.

The object of the combine is to enable mass production methods by which it is hoped that Lancashire will recapture the trade lost in certain ranges since the war and soon begin to make up the enormous losses in the trade with China in recent years, as the result of Japanese competition.—*Reuter.*

PEKING POLITICAL SURPRISE.

FOREIGN LEGATIONS PUZZLED BY A RESIGNATION.

Peking, Feb. 1.

Following the resignation of General Pei Chung-hsi, the military leader in Peking, another important politician, Mr. Chang Cai, Chairman of the Peking Branch Political Council, has tendered his resignation. Strictly, Mr. Chang Chi's post is higher than that of Civil Governor of Chihli Province, and his resignation comes as a great surprise. It is understood that some of the foreign Legations are enquiring regarding the motive of his decision.

In some quarters it is believed that the resignation is the result of recent attacks and counter-attacks between the Peking Kuomintang and the British Political Council. The Nanking Government has failed to obtain obedience to its order to the Kuomintang leaders in Peking to yield to orders of the Political Council.

HIGH COUNCIL NOW RE-CONSIDERING.

GENERAL BOOTH TO OFFER HIS VIEWS.

London, Feb. 1.

The High Council of the Salvation Army met in London to-day to discuss the decision of the High Court of Justice.

Notice to proceed with fresh adjudication as to General Booth's fitness, in accordance with the direction given by Mr. Justice Eve, was conveyed to the President of the Council, who is now in communication with General Bramwell Booth.—*British Wireless.*

SPANISH CONSUL.

Madrid, Feb. 1.

It is announced that Senor Spotorno, the Spanish Consul-General in Shanghai, has been appointed Consul in Smyrna.—*Reuter.*

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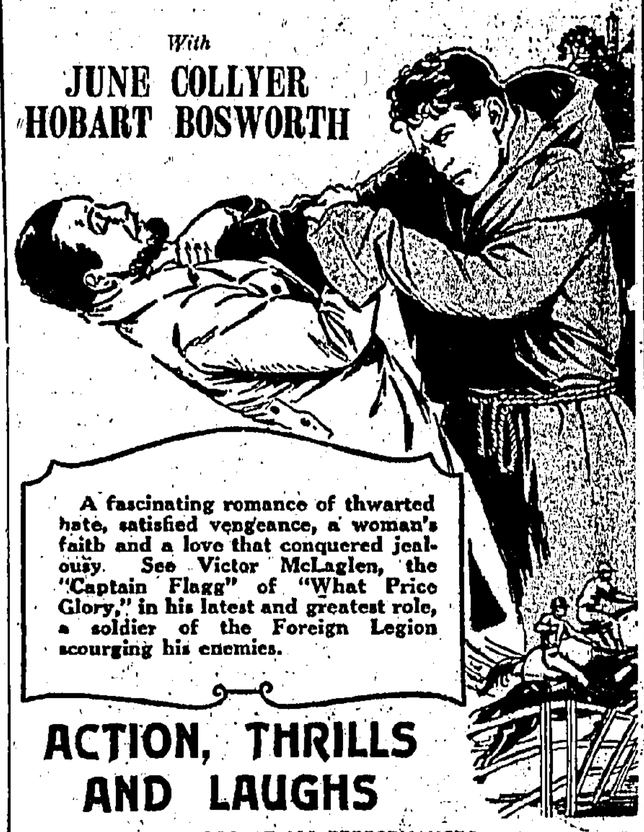

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